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**Community Issues & Programming Report
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January 1- March 31, 2007**

The following issues have been identified by WCMH-TV to be of concern to the Columbus, Ohio DMA

- 1. Community/Downtown Development**
- 2. Drug Abuse**
- 3. Education**
- 4. Housing/Day Care**
- 5. Transportation/Infrastructure**
- 6. Health & Human Services**
- 7. Crime & Criminal Justice**
- 8. Youth/Family/Elderly**
- 9. Minority**
- 10. Employment**
- 11. Environment**
- 12. Cultural Arts**

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QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

January 1 – March 31, 2007

NBC 4 attempts to serve the public interest by presenting broadcast material that treats significant issues of the people in central Ohio. The following is a brief description of some of the segments and programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of those issues during the first quarter (January 1, 2007 – March 31, 2007), including the title of the program or segment, its length, date, and duration of the broadcast.

Public Service Announcements--:04 ID, :10, :15, :20, and :30 lengths; these short-form segments offer community awareness about an organization that serves a specific issue or publicizes one of the organization's fund-raising efforts.

NBC 4 Today, NBC 4 Midday, NBC 4 at 5, NBC 4 at 6, NBC 4 at 11, NBC 4 Today Weekend Edition at 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturdays and at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Sundays, and NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition and NBC 4 at 11 Weekend Edition. Time: 5:00-7:00 a.m., 12:00-1:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m., 6:00-6:30 p.m., 11:00-11:35 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6:00-7:00 a.m. and 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 11:00-11:35 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

I. COMMUNITY/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

- NBC 4 at 6, January 2, 2007. Governor Strickland. Ted Strickland and his staff have already had pizza and sodas with House Speaker Husted, and he says he wants to work with the General Assembly to reform Ohio's Health Care System, Economic Development and Education. He says his administration will "not" be held to the first 100 days. The Governor-Elect says Ohio needs to remain steady and give the newly-passed tax structure a chance to work. As for rejuvenating the Governor's Office after the past few years ethics lapses, Strickland says it's important to set a good example. With only a few days until the inauguration, the Governor-Elect thinks he's prepared. 1:17 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 2, 2007. Columbus Homeland Security. Five years after the September 11th attacks, only 6 of 75 U.S. cities are getting top grades on their ability to communicate during a disaster. The good news, Columbus is one of those 6. San Diego, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Washington D.C., Sioux Falls South Dakota, and Laramie County, Wyoming also top the list. Chicago, Baton Rouge and Cleveland ranked lowest according to the Department of Homeland Security. :24 in length
- NBC 4 Midday, January 3, 2007. Macy's Closings. Challenging economic times for a local retailer means it will be closing some store. Just today the Macy's South Division of Federated Department Stores, Inc. announced plans to close its stores at Westland Mall in Columbus, Ohio and at the River Valley Mall in Lancaster, Ohio. Federated says the under performing stores do not fit with their long-term regional plans. Approximately 125 associates at the two stores will be affected. They are expected to close in the spring of this year. :31 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 3, 2007. Council Candidates. If Columbus School Board member Andrew Ginther is appointed to Columbus City Council, he will give up his school board seat. Ginther is one of 17 people applying for the vacancy created by the resignation of Council President Matt Habash and 18 people after the seat of Departing Councilwoman Mary Jo Hudson. Included in the list is 21 year-old Ryan Fournier, the President of the Ohio State University Student Government; and 84 year-old John Bowers, who was a student at OSU in 1939. In fact, Attorney John Bowers ran for City Council before in 1949. Today was the deadline to file for the vacancies. Both will have to run in primaries in the spring, and then again in the fall, but by that time will have nearly a year of on-the-job training. 1:15 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, January 12, 2007. Combination Fire Departments. The "Proposal" to merge the Clinton Township Fire Department with the Mifflin Township Department has the support of both township's fire chiefs. Clinton Township chief Randy Stickle says the partnership is a smart way for each township to prevent or even fix a budget shortfall. Chief Stickle says the Clinton Township Fire State is less than 3 miles from the Mifflin Township Firehouse. The 2 departments have a combined annual budget of about 3 million dollars. Chief Stickle says building a centrally located fire station for both townships would save about 1 million dollars a year. He says the move would not hurt response times or lead to job cuts in either departments. 1:05 in length

- NBC 4 at 6, January 12, 2007. Strickland Preparation. You usually think of holiday decorations on street poles around the statehouse, but these signs announce tomorrow's formal inauguration of the Governor and Lt. Governor. Fingers are crossed for good weather as workers put the final touches on all the equipment needed for the outdoor event. A few miles to the north, it's a bee hive of activity at the Ohio Expo Center. This 52 thousand square foot facility has hosted horse shows and countless hours of state fair features but this is a special event for the Expo Center. Imagine getting together tables, chairs and everything else needed for 6000 people. At this pace, they expect everything to be ready in time. 1:18 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, January 15, 2007. Bucyrus Meeting. Landlords in one central Ohio town have had enough of high water prices. Tonight Bucyrus area landlords have scheduled a town meeting to discuss the matter. Members say they have gathered data from other Ohio communities and found Bucyrus charges the highest rate of those they contacted. They're asking residents to meet at Bucyrus City Hall at 7 PM.
- NBC 4 at 5, January 22, 2007. New City Council Members. Columbus City Council will be adding 2 new members today. The 5 currently seated Council Members will officially vote on the appointments of Andrew Ginther and Priscilla Tyson tonight. The new members will be sworn in at tonight's meeting and receive their committee assignments. :17 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 25, 2007. City Budget. The City of Columbus Budget appears to be in great shape, with a surplus from last year, meaning good news for some additional projects. NBC 4 working for you to find out exactly how your tax money is being spent. The city says \$225,000 in funding will add more crime patrols in areas such as Franklinton. The Community Shelter Board will get an extra \$587,000. The Central Ohio Poison Center will get \$125,000. And the city will continue to grow it's more than 40 million dollar rainy day fund. The City's Finance Chair says the city was able to keep the budget balanced when times were tough and now it's reaping the rewards. :40 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 25, 2007. Cuts in Newark. Cuts are never easy, and these are about as deep as any school district can get. Nearly 70 employees in Newark City Schools will be gone next year, most being teachers and teachers aids. Losing staff members isn't the only sore spot. Newark started cutting its budget back in 2003, reducing nearly 4 million dollars over 4 years. Then voters rejected a 7.9 mill operating levy back in November, which made things even worse. These cuts, along with no more busing from the high school, and limited busing for K through 8th grade will help save the district more than 5 million 125 thousand dollars. Despite these changes administrators still believe that Newark will produce quality students now and in the future. 1:08 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 31, 2007. Shortage of Police. At a small pizza shop in the west side talk of a smaller police force has them extremely concerned. Drives here have been robbed and while crime can't be completely prevented, they feel more police could be a deterrent. According to Chief James Jackson, the force is expected to come smaller. Stop by any precinct on any given night and you'll find empty cruisers in the parking lot. The Fraternal Order of Police which met with Jackson during the last few days to address this issue, claims up to 70 cruisers go without police on most night due to a lack of officers. In fact the Fraternal Order of Police is calling the situation here in Columbus dire, with too many officers retiring or getting ready to retire, now enough officers there to take their place. Barb Seckler, Deputy Safety Director, stated: "By the end of 2007, we will have hired 600 new police officers in Columbus and for the first time in the city's history we'll have more than 1900 officers in Columbus." 1:27 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 7, 2007. Fire Hydrants Frozen. Fire hydrants are freezing and becoming inoperable. There are 18 of them in the city right now including this one on the north side of Columbus. The Columbus Fire Department says it can usually find a solution when the hydrant is inoperable. Take a look at this map of Columbus and you'll see in the city where right now a neighborhood fire hydrant is frozen and couldn't be used if there was a fire. That happened earlier this week at the Old Bag of Nails fire on the East side of Columbus. Eventually the fire ruined the business. It will have to be rebuilt. Firefighters were able to find a hydrant that worked and in this case, the frozen hydrant likely didn't make a difference. When the temperature is this cold for this long, battling a blaze can become a battle of fire and ice. 1:15 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, February 9, 2007. State and City Checks. Governor Ted Strickland says he'd like to see state workers held to a single standard when it comes to reporting criminal convictions. Now, only some state agencies have such policies requiring employees to report crimes to their supervisors. The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction can punish workers for failure to immediately report any personal arrest or criminal charges. Department of Transportation employees who are required to maintain an operator's license of CDL are required to promptly notify the employers of any current or pending invalid status of such a license. And the State Highway Patrol members must report in writing as soon as possible to a supervisor any court action against them. In Franklin County employees up for a promotion go through the same criminal background check as they did prior to being hired and anyone withholding pertinent information at any time during their employment may be fired. The Governor says state lawmakers should consider that for its employees. 1:01 in length

- NBC 4 at 6, February 14, 2007. Side Street Contractors. Julie Leahy spent part of her morning clearing her drive and sidewalk, only to see the handwork buried under more snow. It may not be fair but it's a fact of life when it comes to clearing snow from the roads it has to go somewhere. The city has more than a dozen extra contracted trucks in neighborhoods. Unlike the large yellow trucks you see on main arteries the smaller trucks can more easily maneuver the tight and sometimes car lined streets. :23 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, February 16, 2007. Water Main Break. These cars are frozen in place, stuck in ice up to their bumpers, thanks to a water main break. Digging out is not going to be easy. OSU students tiptoed timidly as they tried to cross the frozen river running through Hunter Avenue. Students who weren't stuck still had to scrape away the ice on their cars, to avoid possible \$120 fine. Ice can fly off your car and shatter windshields, that's what happened to this Jeep. Glass repairs are up around the city. Shawn McClain, Manager Safelife AutoGlass, says avoid parking under trees or roofs, where ice can fall onto your car and never use hot water to get rid of ice. The rapid change in temperature will break your glass. 1:02 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 18, 2007. Emergency Response. The snow and ice conditions may stop some people from going out, but the weather never stops emergency officials. We followed along with the Columbus Fire Department to see how the wintry conditions are affecting them. The high pile-ups of snow, unshoveled sidewalks can make it difficult for crews to get to the homes, and to move someone out on a stretcher. But when someone calls with an emergency, these men and women don't let snow stand in their way. 1:00 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, February 19, 2007. City AEP Announcement. The city is talking about some big plans for downtown today. The city and AEP will announce their partnership to build the Scioto Mile Parks Promenade and Riverwalk. The Scioto Mile will create an interactive stretch of open space along the river downtown. Officials will unveil the first designs for the park this afternoon. :21 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, February 19, 2007. Scioto Project. The downtown riverfront is about to change big time. North Bank Park and the amphitheatre at COSI are just the beginning. From the Arena District to the Whittier Peninsula, what planners call "The Scioto Mile" the city is planning a 38 million dollar park with bike paths, walking paths, fountains, and lots of green space. It'll be on 2 levels one up by the street and one a water level. The project took a huge leap forward today with AEP whose headquarters is in the middle of the project area, says it will donate 10 million dollars to make it happen. The Mayor says it may be the largest private donation for a public purpose in the city's history. The Mayor says the project will spur more economic development and more housing downtown. 1:14 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, February 26, 2007. City Council. It seems like a no-brainer, Children's Hospital wants to expand the Ronald McDonald House so more families and stay for free with their sick children. Tonight Council will introduce legislation for the city to give up 2 alleys for the project. The problem is expansion would mean tearing down 7 older homes in the area. People living there oppose it. Council is allocating \$360,000 to the Community Crime Patrol so trained citizen patrols can aid police officers in fighting crime. This is an addition to the \$225,000 in the 2007 budget that will be going to these patrols in the future. :37 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 27, 2007. New Precincts. Precinct 18 is the busiest in Columbus with nearly 76,000 runs last year. Precinct 14 is not far behind with 66,000 runs, they are 2 of the largest precincts. We're talking about 2 very vibrant areas of the city trying to keep pace with that but their growth can mean problems for people living here. In Precinct 18, 13 officers in cruisers covering 10 miles. If our Officers can't get there effectively in a safe manor, police say it's dangerous for officers. A new proposal would create 2 additional precincts, splitting Precinct 18 at 270 and splitting Precinct 14 at Livingston, to make distance more manageable, because at this point 17 minutes could mean the difference between life and death. 1:17 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, March 6, 2007. Statewide Background Checks. NBC 4 had no problem getting the complete driving records of more than 500 school bus drivers hired by Columbus Public Schools. But yesterday the Ohio Department of Education sent out an internal memo saying detailed school bus driver motor vehicle records are no longer being made available to them through the BMV. This change came to light when the bureau says the DOE requested 40,000 detailed driving records following the arrest of a bus driver caught with cocaine in Columbus. The Department says "In light of recent events in the Columbus area, it's become apparent that many districts have a need for a more lengthy driving record for their school bus drivers. We have been working with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on this issue, and are currently in the process of developing a new procedure." :48 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Horse Patrol. Columbus Police are taking a new approach to crime fighting in response to a recent increase of burglaries on the northeast side. Some of the officers are now patrolling on horseback. "At first I was shocked, couldn't believe there was a horse in my apartment complex." Columbus Police have had 2 mounted officers patrolling the Schrock Road area for the past week and say they're already noticing a big difference. :23 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 8, 2007. **Bad Bar Hearing.** The doors of a local strip club will remain locked after a drug and prostitution bust there last week. Police raided the former Millenium Fox Show Bar and had it shut down as a public nuisance for code and liquor violations. The city began investigation the bar last fall, it now goes by the name "Allure Gentleman's Club" Yesterday an attorney for the club manager, Tracey Doss, criticized the case. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 8, 2007. **Snow Plan Report.** The City of Columbus releases its status report of February's snow removal efforts. Officials with the Department of Public Service say they're proud of what the snow warriors accomplished. 116 drivers worked on 12 hour shifts, covering 6000 lane miles. They hit residential streets 25 hours after the storm, 48 hours is the norm. And Franklin County dropped from a level 2 snow emergency to a level 1 in just 19 hours. But there is still room for improvement. :34 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 9, 2007. **Bad Alarm System.** Computer Saver's owner, John Nerone, has had to get more than just a new door since his business and a few others nearby were burglarized in recent weeks. He's invested in a new security system, after he says, Monitronics, the company he's hired for years to guard his south side store failed to deliver the protection he's been paying for. Monitronics didn't return NBC4's phone call. The main thing that upset him is that the alarm company didn't call police. Nerone says the strangest twist was when he got this invoice in the mail, saying he owes the Public Safety Department \$35 for a false alarm, ironically for the same night he was broken into. "Someone acknowledged the alarm and someone else ignored it." He hopes for more police patrols in the area. :58 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 10, 2007. **Circleville Mill Fines.** Part of the old Purina Mill in Circleville will be demolished on Monday. The structure went up in flames on February 12 and has been ruled unstable and unsafe, since the blaze, a portion of South Court Street has been closed which has effects area businesses. The mill has 2 owners, one of which has followed through with demolition plans. The other, has been not so cooperative. That owner will be fined by the Circleville Dire Department \$1000 a day until the demolition process is started. :26 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 12, 2007. **Upper Arlington Sex Predator Votc.** The Upper Arlington City Council votes tonight on a new sexual predator law. The council heard testimony in January about the proposal to keep offenders from living or working within 1000 feet of schools, playgrounds, parks and daycare centers. Current State law only requires offenders to stay away from schools. Some city council members felt that did not protect all children. They'll vote on the proposal tonight at their council meeting. :29 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 12, 2007. **Columbus City Council.** Columbus Police will be getting some high tech equipment to help clear streets of crime, it's all on tonight's agenda. Officers will get 20 new laptops which will be dedicated for the summer task force. That initiative targets key high cream areas during the summer months. Last year CPD made 456 arrests on felony charges and 239 misdemeanor arrests. 21 in length

II. DRUG ABUSE

NBC 4 at 5:30, January 5, 2007. **Reynoldsborg Drugs.** Thomas Hagley is facing drug trafficking charges, but police say he was also head of a theft ring in Reynoldsborg that involved a half dozen teenagers, including Rodney Lair. Police say the teens would steal expensive items they could later trade for pot. Police began noticing the rash of break-ins several months ago. Police say Hagley would take the teens stolen property, dish out drugs and then buy himself more marijuana and cocaine to keep his operation afloat. SWAT officers finally busted Hagley last week, raiding his apartment and seizing a number of items they have reason to believe don't belong to him. Police are working now to track down the rightful property owners and identify the bigger drug supplier behind this scheme. :49 in length

NBC 4 at 11, January 7, 2007. **Obetz Drugs.** Between the big screen TV and the toy go-kart, the break-in into this apartment seemed like your typical burglary. But police arrived to find much more, dozens of marijuana plants, drug paraphernalia and even guns inside the apartment. Discoveries that neighbors say didn't surprise them. Tonight the owner of the car, allegedly stolen by the burglar to commit the crime says he won't be leaving his door open anytime soon. He tells us he was just running into his house early this morning with his keys in the ignition and when he came back outside, his car was gone. Tonight he has his car back. The alleged burglar in police custody. But no word on what may happen to the owner of the drug filled apartment. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 5, January 12, 2007. **Huffing Dangers.** A warning tonight for teens and parents, inhaling fumes from aerosol products to get high can be just as dangerous as doing cocaine. A new report finds that huffing has become increasingly common among teens. The new study finds it can affect the brain much like harder drugs, and can cause brain damage and sudden death. :21 in length.

- NBC 4 at 6, January 18, 2007. **Crips Meth Bust.** Police say Earl Owens, who once called Reynoldsburg home is not your average drug dealer. Earl was getting boxes of marijuana and cocaine. He's a significant dealer here in Columbus and Zanesville. But Owens didn't work alone, in fact, Sgt. Casuccio says he worked for this man Clarence Remble and 18 other people. Dealers were located in small towns, Reynoldsburg, Zanesville, and in the western part of Ohio, Middletown and Monroe, they all worked for Remble in Los Angeles. Police and the FBI say this drug network between small towns Ohio was connected to the Dodge City Crips street gang. It started at street level until it became a large distribution network, and we see it happening more and more. Sgt. Casuccio stated: "We worked on this thing for 13 months, it was hard putting all the pieces of the puzzle together." But police and the FBI arrested 20 people, who are all now behind bars. Today a federal judge put the ring leader away for life. :34 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 19, 2007. **Cocaine Bust.** Another huge drug bust, this one by Ohio State Troopers in Shelby County. Police say Carlos Garcia was stopped for a lane violation, but they say they found 2 million dollars worth of cocaine in the vehicle. Police say Garcia was taking the drugs from California to Detroit. Garcia faces up to 0 years in prison if convicted. :19 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 1, 2007. **Lancaster Meth Lab.** Police and fire officials in Lancaster raided this apartment along West Walnut, where they say they found all the materials and chemicals used to produce meth. You can see in the amateur video, Haz-Mat crews sorting through the evidence. Two people have been detained, charges are pending. :25 in length
- NBC 4 at 22, February 5, 2007. **Heroin Overdose.** Deputies at a local jail want to know how narcotics are getting to their inmates. Two inmates in 1 week were found with heron in their systems at the Fairfield County jail. Now the sheriff says it's a drug pipeline he wants shut down. :15 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, February 21, 2007. **Cocaine Seized.** The Ohio State Highway Patrol says drug seizures on the highways are already up for the New Year. This January the patrol says they seized more than 84 pounds of cocaine, that's twelve times the amount seized in January of last year. The Patrol says in 2006 they seized more than 11,000 pounds of illegal narcotics worth an estimated 55 million dollars. Just this week, a Pennsylvania man was arrested during a traffic stop in I-70 in Preble County. Officers say they found 1.5 kilos of cocaine in his 2003 Hummer, worth an estimated \$150,000 the suspect is expected in court today. :43 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 23, 2007. **Reynoldsburg Bust.** Officers had to duck for cover as suspected drug traffickers, Jeffrey Reavish fired 2 rounds at them from this revolver. That's when the SWAT team forced their way inside his Reynoldsburg home to seize drugs, guns and \$25,000 in cash. Police say Reavish retreated to his bedroom, but eventually surrendered. Officers raiding the home confiscated 2 handguns, 3 vehicles and drugs worth approximately \$50,000. Reavish is now in the Licking County jail, facing weapons and narcotics charges as well as a charge for assaulting an officer. :51 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, February 27, 2007. **Drug Round-up.** Columbus Police are on the hunt for suspected drug dealers who make a living off your school-aged children. Specifically 9 suspects are facing charges of trafficking crack cocaine near 2 schools, Eakin Elementary and Burroughs Elementary. AS of this hour police have captured 3 of their suspects, 6 remain on the loose. :26 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, February 27, 2007. **Fire Fighter Meth.** A former Volunteer Firefighter is in jail tonight on drug charges. Jeffrey Glen Roop Turned himself in to the Hocking County Sheriff's office after being charged in connection with a meth lab explosion last April. Another man was critically burned during that explosion but survived. It happened in Roop's garage next to the Rockbridge Fire Department where Roop had volunteered for a few years. :25 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, March 1, 2007. **Strip Club Bust.** A major bust for the Columbus Police Vice Squad. This joint has been an adult club for years, last know as the Millenium Fox. It changed its name yesterday to Allure and that why thee was a big grand re-opening scheduled for last night. But instead of a party, there was a police roundup. Several dancer arrested and one bouncer who had a gun. In the raid, detectives found drugs and illegal weapons and evidence of prostitution. This undercover operation began in November when the patent of an employee tipped off police. :32 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, March 6, 2007. **Student Overdose.** A teenage died in class today after overdosing on drugs. Erica Million laid her head on the desk during a class movie. She wasn't noticed for 30 minutes and when she was she was flown to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, but never recovered. She had severe lung damage and had a heart attack. Police say she died after snorting Oxycodone pills that she got from a classmate. Snorting just 3 of those pills is the equivalent of taking 48 Percacet pills. Investigators say tips from students led them to another student who they say gave Million the pills that killed her. :41 in length

Public Service Announcements

Underage Drinking Prevention/Brandon
:30 in length
Aired January 27-March 24

Underage Drinking Prevention/Emily
:30 in length
Aired January 27-February 24

Underage Drinking Prevention/Brandon
:15 in length
Aired February 10-March 3

Underage Drinking Prevention/Emily
:15 in length
Aired February 17 only

Project Road Block/House Party
:30 in length
Aired January 1-28

Project Road Block/Soccer
:30 in length
Aired January 2-7

Project Road Block/Drum Solo
:30 in length
Aired January 1-28

Project Road Block/House Party
:15 in length
Aired January 3 only

III. EDUCATION

NBC 4 at 6, January 3, 2007. High Grade in Columbus. If emergency strikes, Columbus and Franklin County will be ready to handle it. According to the Department of Homeland Security, they are among the best in the country at communication. Columbus is 1 of just 4 cities across the US to get top marks in Governance standard operating procedures and usage. Columbus Police estimate they've spent over 25 million dollars since 2001 on equipment and planning to enable hundreds of agencies to communicate with ease. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 11, 2007. Read Books. These students at Olentangy Meadows are learning that what makes them different, makes them special in this new book "More Than a Spoonful." This children's book combines the talents of local professionals for the writing and illustrations to offer simple lessons to kids. The book started out as a dream 10 years ago for this man, David Rastoka. It's the first in a series of books that school children all over central Ohio will hear and be able to take home. The kids love it. The books' creators say they get to be kids again. Our Mission Statement is embracing innocence, celebrating differences and remaining kids at heart. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 5, January 16, 2007. Live CPS Final Meeting. Tonight is the last chance for Columbus School parents to weigh in on the Board's plan to close 4 schools. Tonight's meeting is at Marion Franklin High School from 6 to 8. The District is considering closing Linmoore Middle School and 3 elementary schools, Linden Park, Medary and Douglas. The District says they need to make cuts, and chose these schools because of declining enrollment. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 17, 2007. Statewide School Ballot. Thousands of signatures made their way to the Attorney General's Office today, asking voters to back a constitutional amendment giving every child a fundamental right to high quality education. Robert Ragland's son is a senior at Franklin Heights High School and says he worries about his son's classes. Now an initiative called getting it right for Ohio's future wants to shift the burden of school funding from property owners to the state, hoping school cuts will be a thing of the past. But opponents say they're not so sure that's possible, worrying about how

the state and local governments will pay for it all. The groups say the proposal is intentionally vague, and for now are hoping to get the measure on November's ballot so that discussion over the issue can continue. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 5, January 19, 2007. **I Didn't Know.** David Benson learned that the hard way, he says he bought a gun illegally last year after someone shot at his car. What he didn't know backfired on him. Benson and his father are helping inform the community through their church's "Center for Positive Change." The aim of Saturday's "I didn't Know" program is to educate the public on Ohio's concealed carry laws. Last year Columbus Mayor Mike Coleman established the African American Male Empowerment Commission to strengthen families and reduce urban crime, namely homicides, in 2005 there were 104 murders in the city. The 2006 figures are just as grim, of the 102 homicides, more than half of the victims were black and most were shot to death, making a program like Benson's vital. :44 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 31, 2007. **Teacher Background.** Last month 2 Columbus teachers lost their teaching licenses in Ohio, Gary Stroup and elementary school teacher was convicted of sexual contact with students, and Roger McEldowney, a high school teacher was accused of getting a student pregnant. They're 2 of more than a dozen teachers or potential teachers from central Ohio whose licenses were revoked or applications denied in 2006. To prevent offenders from falling through the cracks and being fired in one district and hired in another, a new state law requires school districts to report any cases of a teacher's alleged misconduct to the Ohio Department of Education, that law also requires teachers to complete a background check every 5 years when they renew their licenses. As for preventing a questionable applicant from becoming certified in the first place, the state has established a list of criminal disqualifiers, like murder, kidnapping and rape, which automatically ban a person from becoming a teacher. Cut someone convicted of crimes like assault, public indecency and theft may be eligible by proving their rehabilitation. 1:06 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 1, 2007. **Why Schools Close.** 2 to 3 inches of snow blanketed areas north of Delaware early Tuesday, delaying openings and then forcing some schools to close. In Marion, Marrow and Know Counties some state routes were judged too dangerous for buses and students, partly because the terrain is much hillier compared to the Columbus Area. But even in districts bordering Columbus have routes that pose a special challenge on slippery mornings. Pickerington Local Schools Transportation Director Ron McClure is one of the first to hit the rural and township roads between 3 and 4 in the morning on a snowy night. "We go out, drive routes, drive the roads, and make sure that they're safe. Determine if there's a lot of snow and if they're slick or not for our buses." 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 1, 2007. **CPD Money Figures.** By the end of 2007, the Director of Public Safety says there should be more than 1900 police officers patrolling the streets of Columbus. Chief of Police James Jackson says once again, that's not enough. The Department of Public Safety with approval from City Council says it will invest more than 43.5 million dollars to protect the citizens of Columbus. Department officials also say Columbus has the state's largest divisions of police and fire. The Fraternal Order of Police agrees with Chief Jackson, saying the City of Columbus is simply maintaining a level of its officers, only adding a small number each year. The reality of adding 5000 plus officers to the staff will cost money. The Department of Finance says such a plan would cost 65 million dollars. Where would that money come from? Finance Director Mitchell Brown says the only options would be to cut other programs, like the Health Department of Recs and Parks. Or pose a tax increase of at least 2%. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 6, 2007. **Calamity Days.** Each public school is allowed 5 calamity days, when class is cancelled because of snow ice or other problems. State law requires each public school district to make up the 6th and any additional calamity days. But if a district has more than 10 calamity days, which Rick Dickinson, Ohio School Board Association, says is highly unusual. The state may have schools lengthen each school day to make up for last time. But so far, many central Ohio schools have had just 2 calamity days. Columbus Public School District has taken 3 days, two for cold and 1 for the school bus shutdown last month. :48 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 5, 2007. **Schools Open.** It's a snow day with the snow. The state calls it a Calamity day when classes must be cancelled for whatever the reason. Today across central Ohio it was the frigid temperatures and wind chill. Taking into consideration the impact of severe weather conditions on kids walking to school or standing at bus stops, many area school districts chose to shut down for the day. Westerville City Schools is one of several districts already canceling classes for Tuesday since the bitter weather isn't expected to get any warmer with that much notice, parents have time to make other child care arrangements for their kids. :53 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 8, 2007. **To close or Delay.** A few students were bundled up like Eskimos, the only thing missing was in igloo in front of the school. Around central Ohio, a mixed bag of decisions. Some districts like Westerville and Groveport Madison closed outright, Dublin was on a 2 hour delay and Columbus and Worthington opened on time. Administrators at most of those districts say when the temperatures hover around zero it's a no-win situation. They get complaints if they open from parents who say it's too cold and if the close, they hear they should be open. With a frigid Friday forecast it could be another close class for districts tomorrow. :42 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 26, 2007. Levy Meeting. Licking Heights is going to the voters in May to help pass an emergency operating levy. Money students and teachers say is vital to the district. The football team, cheerleaders and band members turned out to support an 8.9 mill levy that students say will save their extra curricular in the Licking Heights District. If it fails, the Board will have to make 3 million dollars in cuts. :31 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 6, 2007. Bus Follow up. It all stems from this exclusive NBC 4 video showing school bus driver Lawrence Battle getting pulled over for a traffic citation and that's when police discovered something more on the bus. Battle was handcuffed and charged with cocaine possession. Out investigation revealed that Battle had a previous criminal record and was a contracted bus driver with a national company called First Student. CPS used the company to transport students on 48 routes. On January 24th, the school district discovered that no one conducted background checks for all the First Student contract drivers. Those drivers were pulled off their routes. The next day January 25th Columbus School was forced to cancel classes because it did not have enough bus drivers. The Schools Director of Transportation Eric Pinkett admitted he was supposed to get the background checks from First Student at the beginning of the school year but failed to do so. :56 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 8, 2007. Westerville Schools. The readings of Shakespeare can be tough to teach. But for Westerville Central English teacher Carol Denney, the lesson in Romeo and Juliet are not all that is different from the lessons in life. In fact, in her classroom life lessons are the first things they learn. Denney challenges her students to think, to question and to reason. She's making an impact. 9th grader Zeke Bayt says Denney never lets students give up. Denney recognizes the distracting outside pressures that students often bring into the classroom, facing those creatively is perhaps the biggest life lesson of all. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 9, 2007. Newark Sat School. Students in one central Ohio school district are still making up for all those snow days they had last month. Newark will hold their last of 3 Saturday class sessions to morrow. The district used 8 calamity days this year and decided that instead of making up the extra days at the end of the year, they would hold class on the weekends. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 12, 2007. Johnstown Monroe. A packed house is expected for tonight's Johnstown Monroe School Board Meeting. The Board is expected to discuss possible cuts and changes throughout the school district. Tonight's meeting starts at 6:30 at the Performing Arts Center on Oregon Street. :16 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 12, 2007. Statewide School Bus. Today the ODE recommended that the State School Board consider adopting important changes. Disqualifying from employment any bus driver applicant who has had a DUI in the past 6 years. Currently a DUI in the past 2 years would be enough to disqualify someone. Disqualifiers would also include 6 points on a person's license for traffic convictions. Currently 8 points makes an applicant ineligible. A new rule would also disqualify anyone with 2 or more serious traffic violations in the past 2 years. A railroad crossing violation would automatically make someone ineligible and so would refusing to participate in federally mandated random drug or alcohol screenings. As for criminal convictions, the state says it's not enough that drives are only checked up on every 6 years. From now on ODE wants drivers to self-report to their employer anytime they get in trouble with the law. The ODE is teaming up with BCI & I to make sure those convictions are being reported to the state immediately. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 Special Report: Press Conference with Columbus City Schools being closed due to lack of bus drivers aired January 25 from 10:58-11:16 a.m.

Public Service Announcements

Parents V-Chip/Bad Guys

:30 in length

Aired January 1-February 4

Parents V-Chip/Drugs

:30 in length

Aired January 1-February 3

Booster Seat Education

:30 in length

Aired February 3-March 24

IV. HOUSING/DAY CARE

NBC 4 at 6, January 4, 2007. **Predatory Lending.** Finding a home you like and can afford is just half the battle towards homeownership. Securing the financing is the other issue. Too many people either can't afford the payments or the condition of the loan change and impact their ability to pay. Ohio lawmakers passed Senate Bill 185, the Home Ownership Protection Act. Revising most the law regulating consumer real estate lending in Ohio. Possibly protecting some consumers against predatory lending. Buyers should be proactive and watch for excessive mortgage broker compensation, that's where they try to sell the borrower a loan with the most fees and highest interest rates possible to get more compensation. Excessive points and fees, most borrowers can expect to pay 1% and possibly another 1% of the loan amounts in points. Balloon payments is another way to reduce the monthly payment but can result in a huge payment. Later you might not be able to afford. Watch for flipping, that's where a lender encourages consumers to repeatedly refinance their loan. Each time the loan is refinanced the lender charges more fees, putting the borrower deeper in debt. 1:16 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 12, 2007. **Columbus Housing Market.** There are a lot of for sale signs on Columbus homes, but local realtors say that's all about to change. Despite the constant rate changes, mortgage loan applications are a high. Local realtors say their phones have been ringing off the hook since the beginning of the New Year. In addition to price and incentives, the key to selling you home is creating less work for the buyer. :34 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 19, 2007. **Lower Heating Bills.** The warmer winter weather is helping you save money on your heating bills. Columbia Gas has lowered rates for natural gas next month. The company says the average bill will be around \$200 that's down 27% from last year. Natural gas prices has fallen 31 cents to 97 cents per 100 cubic feet and the company says this is the 4th consecutive month it has been able to keep the price lower than last year. :25 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 30, 2007. **Abandoned Property.** One of those is here at McKinley and Harper, property that's been owned by the state since the 1800's. 50 acres here and it hasn't been used since the 1960's. Hundreds, perhaps 1000 pieces of property like this around Ohio. The new State Treasurer, Richard Cordray wants to create an inventory of all that property. He has the backing of local officials here in Columbus, and he expects similar support elsewhere. Identifying each parcel will help determine possible uses. If the state can't develop, then it could be sold to private industry for development. :33 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, January 30, 2007. **Housing Problem.** After Shana White was murdered in September, her mother, Gaynell Wicks has lived in fear at her public housing complex. White and her boyfriend, suspected drug dealer Gregory Guess, were shot multiple times, days later, their bodies were found in White's abandoned car. Robert Harris is still wanted for that crime, leaving Wicks on edge. She says neither are the 3 grandchildren she's raising now that their mother is dead are comfortable living here. Especially since Wicks says someone recently shot at her shed. She asked the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority to transfer her, CMHA tells NBC 4 it is limited in what it can offer, now that she denied a vacancy at the Lincoln Park Public Housing complex. Wicks says she's just as scared to move there. Wicks went to the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, a group independent lawyers who help low income clients, thinking they would help her. Instead the society wrote: "CMHA has not done anything to create the risk to you, but rather it was due to your daughter's regrettable choice in relationships that caused her to lose her life. Since CMHA did not create the risk, they have no legal obligation to eliminate it." 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition, February 3, 2007. **Heating Your Home.** Needless to say it's downright freezing outside. Actually downright below breezing, as wind chills go below zero and on the streets and side walks, barely anyone out. So that means inside thermostats are cranked up. Jack Lafferty is an energy efficiency expert with Columbia Gas. He's been helping customers for almost 3 decades on ways to keep the warm air in and that bitter cold air out. Today he showed us around his Clintonville home. Lafferty also says you should clear and furniture from air registers so your furnace can run more efficiently. If you have a fireplace, make sure to completely close the damper handle so warm air doesn't creep out and in the basement Lafferty says to invest in a high efficiency furnace. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 7, 2007. **Coats 4 Kids.** In these cold temperatures it's hard to image being outside without a coat. That's why the Annual Coats for Kids drive in Lancaster has been extended. The drive has been extended until February 23rd. Coats can be dropped off at Fashion and Vanity Cleaners or at the Lancaster Eagle Gazette. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 7, 2007. **Home Foreclosure.** Inmost cases people purchase more home than they can afford and then a series of unforeseen events can jeopardize the mortgage payment. In other cases, it may have been the type of loan that's causing problems. Some adjustable rate mortgages will soon catch some homeowners off guard. If it's the type of loan causing problems or loss of job, the number one reason consumers fall into foreclosure is they are not proactive. They don't contact the lender. Columbus Housing Partnership can assist with that and more. In fact, the non profit agency offers rescue funds for

local consumers, in addition to pre-housing counseling. A foreclosure can drive down that all important credit score. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 16, 2007. Woodland Meadows. We now know who is going to pay to tear down an apartment complex that has turned into an eyesore. Woodland Meadows apartments have been vacant for over a year. This week the city of Columbus and the apartment owner argued in court over who would pay to raze the structure. Judge Harlan Hale ruled that the owners of the complex must pay for the demolition. :22 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, February 19, 2007. Homeowners Thaw. With temps finally above the freezing mark, the snow and ice you see blanketing the region today, will be on its way out tomorrow. And Industry experts say you have to be prepared for ice damming on your roof. That's when melted snow and ice seeps between single layers and could cause an absolute nightmare inside. But Steve Wile with Able Roofing says it could happen to your home. The best thing you can do if water comes into your home and you have a wet ceiling is poke a hole into the ceiling and put a bucket underneath. Water will find that hole and all you do is fix the hole. It's a pretty inexpensive repair. Ground and surface melting will also play a toll on you home. The problems we have right now is just because 40-50 degrees outside these lines are still frozen. If the pipes are frozen the water has no where to go. So monitor your sump pump. :54 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 20, 2007. Baby Food Recall. The FDA has issued a warning about a certain baby food. The food and drug administration has issued a recall of some jars of Earth's Best Organic 2 Apple Peach Barley wholesome breakfast baby food. There's a chance that the food has been contaminated with botulism, which is a toxin which could be life-threatening. The FDA says to destroy the baby food immediately. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 5, 2007. FEMA Housing Closure. FEMA abruptly closed down a site housing hurricane Katrina victims Sunday because of health and safety concerns. A 48 hour deadline to leave fell on Sunday night and FEMA scrambled to find new places for the 58 households. Although many residents said they would have been happy to keep on living there, the Federal Emergency Management Agency determined it was too risky because of ongoing problems with raw sewage and periodic power outages. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 7, 2007. Save Capt. Scott House. Since 1870 this house has been in the same spot. A lot has changed around it but inside it still has original woodwork fireplaces and even doorknobs. It now sits at the corner of 161 and 37. But expansion of 161 means the house has to go. It's well over 100 years old, it's a beacon of our community and we hate to see it demolished. "A few ladies are trying to save the house. The plan to move it several miles away, intact to donated land and create a community house. The cost of \$45000. The problem is they've only raised \$6,000 and the deadline is March 16th. They're hosting a civil war supper this Saturday with a live auction at Alexandria Elementary School and they say they need your help in giving the past a future. 1:11 in length

Public Service Announcements

Action for Children

:30 in length

Aired January 18-March 24

Action for Children

:15 in length

Aired February 7-March 25

Home Foreclosure Prevention

:30 in length

Aired January 30-March 18

Home Foreclosure Prevention

:15 in length

Aired January 31-March 25

V. TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

NBC 4 at 6, January 12, 2007. Gas Scams. All of us watched gasoline prices hit record highs last summer, and that's part of the Hook of this scheme, you're encouraged to investment now, so you can benefit when the prices go up again. The con artists will also tell you new discoveries of oil through expanded drilling makes it the perfect time to invest. Before you invest a dime, find out if the person is even licensed, is there a listing on the New York Stock Exchange? Are the securities registered? You

find those answers and more with the Ohio Division of Securities Hotline at 1-800-788-1194 or on line at Se3curities State.Oh US. People need to do their homework. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, January 14, 2007. Gas Prices Under \$2. A \$1.98 for gas seems almost too good to be true. Gas prices here at the Speedway on North High Street have been less than \$2 since last Friday, and a clerk tells us they could drop even lower. Sure enough, within minutes the price dropped a penny. The average price of gas around Columbus is about \$2.06, down 18 cents from a month ago. Experts say historically, January and February are the cheapest months to buy gas because the demand is down from Holiday Break. And this year the unseasonably warm winter also contributed to low prices. Experts predict prices could drop even lower. But when Spring Break rolls around they say you should expect to see prices go back up. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 16, 2007. Drunk Driving. Jenna Codner's family is still coping with her death at just 19. Today more pain for the Codner family when the suspected drunk driver who killed Jenna walked out of court and not to jail. In March, James Scuka struck and killed Jenna Codner, who was standing in the middle of the 161 exit ramp to Little Turtle Way because Jen's car broke down. Scuka was arrested and charged with drunk Driving. Scuka was never charged with the death of Jenna Codner because Columbus Police said the accident was unavoidable, due to construction on the ramp. Today Scuka's drunk driving charge was reduced to a lesser charge, reckless operation, because Scuka refused to take a blood alcohol test that night and by the time the court forced him, prosecutors say proving drunk driving beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury would have been difficult. :44 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 1, 2007. COTA Bus Drivers. The Central Ohio Transit Authority, like Columbus Public schools, contracts with private transportation vendors, 3 in fact. One is First Transit, since August it's operated COTA's Project Main Stream buses for the disabled. Its sister company is First Student, which grounded its fleet and caused a district wide school cancellation last week to complete driver's background checks. COTA has since gotten a memo from First Transits general manager saying all 57 of its drivers working for COTA had their background checks, personnel files and driving records reviewed. First Transit says its drivers aren't allowed more than 2 moving violations and 4 points on their license and not DWI convictions. They must also pass a drug test. Last year the Federal Government required 50% of bus drivers to be drug tested randomly. That was lowered to 25% this year. Bill Lihota, President of COTA, says nationally less than 1% of bus drivers test positive for drugs. Still COTA tests its own 450 drivers 4 times a year. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 1, 2007. Crown Victoria Air Bags. This is what the Minerva Park squad car looked like after the accident. The officer will be OK. The car will not. What concerns the department is the fact the car's airbag did not deploy in the front end collision. Minerva Park Officers believe it should and plan on contacting Ford, the maker of the 2002 Crown Victoria. Clinton Township has also had a similar situation with a front end collision and an air bag that did not deploy. Clinton Township Police received a letter from Ford just after the accident saying "There was not enough impact force to trigger air bag deployment." Clinton Township plans to send more information to Ford to see if that will change the companies mind. A spokesman for Ford said today the automaker is looking forward helping the Department download and interpret information on data event recorders, the black boxes for the cars. :48 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 9, 2007. Street Complaints. When the snow blew in Tuesday, it fell fast and furious. Now 3 days later many side streets and cul de sacs remain covered with snow and ice. That's a sore spot for some residents. Susy Baker lives on Shawnmont Court on the Northwest side where you can't see pavement at all. In fact, city workers arrived while we were there and say her street has been plowed and salted once since Tuesday. Experts say a key difference between side streets and main streets is traffic volume. Vehicles generate heat and movement, which helps chemicals melt snow and ice which in turn allows pavement to dry. A city spokesperson says crews have been more aggressive by getting to side streets sooner and it may be making a difference. The city reports just 49 complaint calls compared to hundreds in past years when snow slows did not venture into residential area until at least 4 inches of snow fell. Some drivers told us they take the slippery street in stride. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 19, 2007. Port Columbus Jet Blue. This President's Day will be yet another day of Jet Blue blues. The airline has cancelled flights in 11 cities including Columbus today. There are 6 flights including 5 to New York and one to Boston. The problem continues to be the fall out from last week's snow fall. It left planes in all the wrong places. The airline hopes to have a full schedule tomorrow. But for now, passengers in 11 cities, including Columbus, are left with no where to go at least if it includes Jet Blue. The airline has allowed passengers to cancel flights and rebook flights without a change fee during this shutdown. 1:44 in length.

NBC 4 at 11, February 20, 2007. Potholes Repaired. Pothole crews were out repairing what they could, but so much water means these are just temporary patches and watch out. We got reports of a large pot hole at I-270 South and 161 on the east side. If you have a big pothole, you can call the city help line at 645.3111. :15 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 21, 2007. SkyBus Update. The "Spirit of Columbus" is ready to take flight. The airline will call Port Columbus home and will start passenger service this spring. The list of destinations has not been released by calling central Ohio home is expected to keep costs down for the start-up operation. Ken Gil, President, SkyBus, stated: "its employees and keeping your cost under control but it's your employees that really work at that all together as a team." On that team the state and city of Columbus, Port Columbus has chipped in by building a new walkway from the "B" concourse to what will be the SkyBus waiting areas. The city is kicking in 14 million dollars in performance incentives. This has not been a good week for low fare airlines. Jet Blue came to a halt due to the weather. :32 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 21, 2007. ODOT Governor Budget. 315 is one major artery that could be affected. Plans call for massive improvements where it meets I-70 to the south and 270 to the north. But it's not clear yet if those upgrades will remain on track. The 70-71 split is considered among the most dangerous in the state usually near the top of the list in accident numbers. Its just one of several in line for tens of millions in dollars in improvements, planning already underway. Another project in the pipeline, the interchanges from I-270 onto 315 and 23. But now their fate is up in the air. In his new transportation budget, Governor Strickland today called for a reassessment of major new construction projects. Mr. Strickland says criteria, including safety and congestion, will help determine which projects will be cut or scaled back. The Governor would like to keep current project but there's no guarantee. :45 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 22, 2007. Speeding at School. This is 12 year-old Jerrod Paync. He was leaving school like he would on a normal day, when he was struck and killed by a speeding car. The Columbus Police Department has been fighting the problem but the speeders keep coming. We investigated and here is what we found. The top 5, according to the officers who write the tickets, are the West Broad Street Elementary School. The Africentric School on Livingston. Also the school zone that includes Walnut Ridge High School, York town Middle and Shady Lane Elementary. DeSales High School is also in the top 5 along with Clinton Heights Elementary near Broadway and North High Street. Here at the Columbus Africentric School they have issued as many as 40 speeding tickets in 1 day. During 2005-2006 school year nearly 50000 tickets were issued near school zones. In recent years the fines were doubled in school zones to \$250. 1:35 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 27, 2007. COTA Family. Carla Galloway says vehicular manslaughter charge against 65 year-old Walter Carruthers, just aren't enough. 63 year-old Maxine Galloway was hit and killed by a COTA bus while in a crosswalk on East Livingston Avenue last October. Carruthers was behind the wheel. At COTA, a spokesperson says Carruthers had not serious violations in 28 years of driving. The agency uses Bureau of Motor Vehicle abstracts to keep close tabs on all drivers. Carruthers has since retired, and with the charges, Carla hopes her family will soon be able to find closure, but she says no sentence can bring her mother back. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 28, 2007. Worst Roads. A deadly accident, a young life lost. 19 year-old Lindsey Pignatelli was killed along Interstate 71 near 17th Avenue last year. She was 1 of 8 people killed along Interstate 71 between downtown Columbus and the 270 outer belt. It was Franklin County's deadliest stretch of road last year and has been the focus of a enforcement effort by the Highway Patrol with the help of a program from Ohio State that combined with Google Earth shows where the worst accidents are happening. Other roads that the Patrol has focused on in the 6 months since the accident program was developed include the north outer belt of Interstate 270 where 6 deadly accidents occurred last year. And Interstate 70 where there were 5 deadly accidents. The patrol says focusing on these roads is leading to progress. They say they had already seeing results on Interstate 71. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 1, 2007. Dangerous Road Enforcement. It was May last year when students at Marysville High School were confronted with a terrible tragedy. 17 year-old Michael Cox was killed in a head on crash along State Route 4 in Marysville. Last year 142 crashes on this stretch of road. 2 fatal already this year. Those numbers stood out. Now the Patrol has been working with a program created by Ohio State that helps them target some of the worst roads in the State. The Patrol with the help of the Ohio and Marion County Sheriff's Officer will be cracking down on State Route 4 from Marysville to the city of Marion. The effort starts March 5 and will include law enforcement targeting aggressive drivers, speeding and seat belt use. :59 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 5, 2007. Route 4 Enforcement. One of Central Ohio's most dangerous stretches of highway is getting a few more eyes starting today. Several police and sheriff's offices will have deputies and officers on State Route 4 from Marion to Marysville making sure drivers slow down. The speed limit is 55 miles an hour, but drivers get clocked going much faster. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 6, 2007. City Road. More than 2- inches of snow, thousands of tons of salt and millions of dollars later, snow crews will hit the road tonight, again, clearing away one to 2 inches of this show. "Our night crew will be out and monitoring the storm and as needed we can call in additional crews." That's also the plan for the city of Columbus. So far the city has spent 2.8 million dollars on keeping the roads clear. As for ODOT, 4.8 million dollars. Both departments say the number is almost double what they spent last year. The good news is spring is just around the corner. 1:04 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 7, 2007. Repeat DUI Offenders. Michael Meyer is fighting in honor of his sister, Leondra Mayo. She died in a car accident just over 2 years ago. Michael Hassler has been charged with aggravated vehicular homicide in that case. Prosecutors appealed to the Supreme Court, after a judge dismissed key evidence, like Hassler's blood alcohol content. Mayo's family is hoping a trial will happen soon. They thought they had a break in the case when about a year after Mayo's death, Hassler was arrested for DUI. But that charge was reduced to a lesser offense for which Hassler was put on house arrest. Meyer has been on the lookout for any more criminal charges. He was shocked to learn Hassler had been charged a few weeks ago in Columbus for assault, domestic violence and violating a protection order. Meyer notified authorities and had Hassler arrested for a probation violation. He was hoping Hassler's bond would be revoked, but yesterday he was released from jail. Again, Mayo's family is appalled. Hassler is scheduled to appear in Franklin County Court tomorrow. Meyer says he'll be there. 1:04 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Megabus. There's a cheap new travel option in Columbus, and it could cost you less than a gallon gas to visit a very popular vacation destination. :12 in length

VI. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NBC 4 at 5, January 1, 2007. Food Labels. Some people look at nutrition labels, some people don't. Most health experts agree if more people understood what they were eating, they'd likely make better choices. The Food and Drug Administration launched 2 online tools to help people understand food labels. One site leads users through a series of exercises where they can explore the relationship between serving sizes and calories or figure out how to limit certain nutrients while getting enough of others. Information some people say then need. They admit some labels can be confusing. Learning how to read labels is not going to cure our obesity problem overnight, but it is just one aspect. We need to understand what's in the food we eat, we need to understand about our portion sizes. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, January 2, 2007. Blood Drive. Make sure you join us tomorrow for our annual NBC 4 Blood Give-In. The Ohio Red Cross says they are in need of A-positive and O-negative blood. The Blood Give-In is tomorrow at the Aladdin Shrine Temple on Stelzer Road from 8 AM to 8 PM. :13 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 3, 2007. Beer Drinker's Diet. Lots of people are trying to lose weight right now and most diets will tell you to cut out alcohol, but one successful dieter says you can indulge and still lose weight. Brad Cailer, author of "The Beer Drinker's Diet" is here today to discuss his book. :27 in length

NBC 4 at 5, January 4, 2007. Hospital Ranking. Three Ohio hospitals made their way on a new list of the country's ten best pediatric hospitals. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is number 5 in the ranking by Child Magazine. Columbus Children's Hospital is 6th and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland is 8th. The magazine says it looked at survival rates, doctor training, intricate surgeries, child-friendliness and several other factors. :22 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 4, 2007. Make A Wish. One Buckeye fan is seeing his dream come true. Make a Wish of Ohio and Discover Financial Services is sending 12 year-old Corey Black and his family to Glendale. The Pickerington teen will get to spend the next few days in Phoenix and attend the bowl game. :03 in length

NBC 4 at 5, January 15, 2007. Alzheimer's Gene. An international team of scientists has identified a gene that's implicated in late-onset Alzheimer's disease. The gene, called Sorl-1, is only the second genetic variant identified for this type of Alzheimer's. People who have certain forms of the gene variant appear to be a greater risk for the disease. The discovery could lead to new treatments for Alzheimer's. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 25, 2007. Komen Columbus. Komen Columbus marks 15 years of helping breast cancer patients. The Susan G. Komen Foundation has helped breast cancer survivors for more than a quarter century. But some changes are in store for the organization. Throughout 2007, Komen for the Cure is focusing on special national and international initiatives and unveiling new ways for everyday people to commit to the cure and experience Komen's new brand. Key initiatives include: the Komen Community Challenge, a policy and education tour to 25 communities, the first ever State of Breast Cancer Report and the world's first Global Breast Cancer Advocate Summit. For more information on 25th anniversary initiatives taking place throughout 2007 visit www.komen.org. :2:27 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 27, 2007. Noro-Virus. The Noro-virus is a very contagious virus that causes the stomach flu. Officials at Riverside Hospital confirm at least 18 patients and staff contracted the illness in the 7 South Care Unit. But the hospital claims it has not spread to any other floors, Riverside sent lab tests to the Columbus Health Department and it confirmed the noro-virus yesterday afternoon. The symptoms of the noro-virus usually appear within 24 to 48 hours of

ingesting the virus. They include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and low grade fever and can last from 1 to 2 days. You are contagious the minute you come down with symptoms of the virus and you can be contagious for up to 2 weeks after you recover. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 5, 2007. Food Poison. Every year there is one in 4 chances that something you eat is going to make you really sick. Earlier this year, Taco Bell restaurants on the east coast were accused of serving contaminated produce. Dozens of customers had e=coli relate illnesses. Bagged spinach was blamed for making hundreds of people sick at restaurants and in their own homes. It was even blamed for a Ross County woman's death. James Hagan, Microbiology Supervisor, Ohio Department Ag Consumer Analytical Laboratory stated: "I truly feel that our food in this country is the safest that there is. And we have the safest food supply in the country, in the world probably." A huge national distribution system gives us a varied food supply, but it can also spread problems quickly. 2:05 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 15, 2007. Peanut Butter Recall. Scottye Cash says she was watching the 5 o'clock news when she first learned of the recall of countless jars of peanut butter possibly contaminated with salmonella. All with the product code of 2111 on the lid. Nearly 300 people in 39 states have gotten sick, including Ohio. Plant officials aren't sure how salmonella which is commonly found in bird and rodent feces, got into the jars. Federal Health investigators think they have pinpointed batches of Peter Pan and Wal-Mart's Great Value brand both made by Conagra Foods. Cash says she will do what Conagra suggest and throw it out and send the lid in for a refund, but won't change her brand. The Conagra plant in Georgia that produces the product has since shut down while FDA investigators conduct an inspection. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 16, 2007. Stress Interview. February is National Heart Month and stress can take a major toll of your heart. For many people that stress comes in the workplace. Kappy Madenwald, ADAMH Clinical Director gave these tips: Focus on easing stress on and off the job. The idea is to recognize stress and manage it. How to do that is exercise, eat healthy, get organized get support and take breath, sleep, reduce caffeine, manage anger, laugh and use personal days. :18 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 19, 2007. Depression Heart Disease. A new study has found that depression could play a role in the development of blood vessel plaque, which could lead to dangerous cardiovascular problems, including heart attack and stroke. Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, looked at the effect of depression, anxiety and anger on plaque build-up and found a link to the symptoms of depression. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 20, 2007. Children's Hospital Dispute. 95 years old Golden Gannon has seen a lot of changes in his near eastside neighborhood. The construction he's surrounded by now is due to Children's Hospital's 740 million dollar expansion. Across from Gannon, where these vacant homes now stand, a new Ronald McDonald House is planned for the families of kids admitted to the hospital. Local civic groups also oppose the demolition. They're upset the current Ronald McDonald House built just 2 years ago, would be torn down as the hospital grows west. Hospital officials say, Children's Hospital has experienced unprecedented growth that it has exceeded projections. In 2006, Children's cared for more than 700,000 patients. As a result, the Ronald McDonald House is nearly 100% occupied every night. The proposed rebuilding of the Interstate 70/71 exchange will place the new downtown exits just north of Children's campus and impact the space occupied by the current Ronald McDonald House. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 20, 2007. Beyond Botox. Botox is the number one injectible that's being performed for esthetic purposes. It is a derivative of the botulinum toxin. Botox paralyzes the muscles that hold those deep lines for about 3 months and it costs about \$300 a session. There are a host of new "fillers" that can also be used to reduce wrinkles. There's one called Radiasce which is a calcium hydroxyl. Juvidem injected underneath the wrinkles. Those types of injectibles last up to 6 months and cost around \$5000. The cost is determined by how much of the injectible you need to get the desired result. When you use your own fat, the effects will last longer and may even be permanent. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 20, 2007. Hospital Expansion. Children's Hospital is hoping to spread its wings. But those living close to the hospital are saying not so fast. What's at stake is the 2 year -old Ronald McDonald House, that 's full nearly every night. Children's wants to tear it down and rebuild a bigger one. Hospital officials say the expansion means knocking down 7 older homes. Neighbors say they are historic and are landmarks. Of those 7 structures only one has been a resident in 20 years and the hospital bought the other 2 years ago. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 21, 2007. Cervical Cancer Vaccine. Dixie Lundquist tells us about her daughters, the two right around the age that one Ohio lawmaker says should by law be receiving a mandatory HPV vaccine. She says she know it's a vaccine to help with cervical cancer and know it will protect the girls when they get older. Many supporters of the vaccine agree. Dr. Heather Davies is a Pediatrician in our area and says adding the treatment to the list of mandatory vaccines for children can only help. She tells us the human papilloma virus can cause cervical cancer and that more than 50% of sexually active adult females have been exposed to the virus. Opponents say making the vaccine mandatory is too much, especially when the vaccine costs nearly \$400. An issue Dr. Davies tells us may be resolved if the law is put in place because insurance

companies would most likely have to cover the cost. A cost this mother says is worth every penny. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 28, 2007. Doctor Background Check. A doctor denied a license to practice medicine here in the state of Ohio because he took a loaded gun on an airplane. Another doctor denied because of a drunk driving conviction. Catherine Ballard is a lawyer who represents many big hospitals here in Central Ohio. Hospitals such as Grand and Riverside, that Ballard says conduct criminal background checks of every doctor before they are awarded the privilege of practicing. There are almost 40,000 doctors who are licensed to practice medicine here in the state of Ohio, with that many wouldn't the State Board that oversees does perform criminal background checks. Richard Whitehouse, Exec. Director, State Medical Board stated: "Today we don't, were not empowered do to so." That's because criminal background checks for doctors is not law here in Ohio. Yet criminal background checks are required for nurses, teachers and we learned recently bus drivers. "Our Board is looking into that possibility." Especially when you consider there are more state medical boards than not around this country that do criminal checks on doctors. 2:14 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 2, 2007. Fall Prevention. All it takes is 1 fall to cause a serious, chronic or debilitating injury. This can be especially dangerous for the elderly. There are some things you can do to prevent falls for you or a loved one. More than 1/3 of adults 65 or older fall each year. By the year 2020, it is estimated the costs of treating fall related injuries will reach \$44 billion. 50% of all falls occur in the home. Make your home safer, review all medications with your family physician or pharmacist, have vision checked annually, begin a regular exercise program. :49 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 3, 2007. Lung Cancer Test. Diagnosing lung cancer could now be as easy as coughing. Doctors at the University of Maryland are working on a simple test to help diagnose lung cancer in its earliest stages. All patients have to do is cough up phlegm. Doctors believe that genetic changes to the DNA in the phlegm could be a sign of lung cancer. In a preliminary study, the test identified 76% of stage 1 lung cancers in patients whose phlegm showed certain genetic changes. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 5, 2007. Overweight Puberty. New research shows the growing obesity epidemic may be causing some girls to enter puberty early. Researchers followed over 350 girls from ages 3 to 21, measuring their body mass index and signs of puberty. They found those with higher MNI's had a greater chance of experiencing puberty at an early age. For example nearly 2 dozen girls got their period by the 6th grade. Past studies have shows girls with early puberty are more likely to have behavioral problems and start experimenting with alcohol and sex at young ages. :31 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 6, 2007. Lasers. The whole spectrum of white light contains different wave lengths. The laser is a machine that produces a caluminated light wave length. Laser light can be used to treat spider veins, but this treatment is not painless. Spider veins are cantankerous, they try to come back. The number of treatments will depend on the individual. Each treatment is billed by the time used. 15 minutes of laser work coast about \$150. Another good use for the laser is hair removal. The most popular hair removal for women is their armpits and for men the hair on their backs. :46 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Headache Relief. A potential new treatment for people who haven't been able to find relief for painful cluster headaches. * patients were implanted with electrodes that stimulated the nerves in certain areas of the brain. 6 of those patients felt relief from the treatment, although for some it took week or even months before the procedure worked. Scientists say while this was a small study, they think this will help them find new techniques to ease the pain of chronic headaches. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Quadriplegic. He went from active sportsman and coach to a quadriplegic on a single slide into home plate. But 37 year-old Dean Stiltnier, a Desert Storm Vet, stays positive for his family. Last week, the Stiltniers learned Dean has exhausted the Home Nursing Care provided by their insurance company. Dean's wife is in limbo, she makes too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to pay for nursing care. If she quits her job she would qualify for Medicaid but lose the family home. Now like the nursing care, time is running out. 1:09 in length

NBC 4: National Health Test aired Saturday February 10 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Public Service Announcements

NBC 4/WNCI Red Cross Blood Give-In

:04 in length

Aired January 2

NBC 4/WNCI Red Cross Blood Give-In

:10 in length

Aired January 1-3

NBC 4/WNCI Red Cross Blood Give-In
:15 in length
Aired January 1-2

NBC 4/WNCI Red Cross Blood Give-In
:30 in length
Aired March 2-17

Diabetes Prevention
:30 in length
Aired January 3-March 17

Diabetes Prevention
:15 in length
Aired January 14-March 5

Flu Prevention
:10 in length
Aired January 3-February 4

Flu Prevention
:04 in length
Aired January 27-February 26

Flavors of the Vine
:10 in length
Aired January 9-February 1

Flavors of the Vine
:04 in length
Aired January 9-February 1

Flavors of the Vine
:15 in length
Aired January 9-February 1

Give Blood/American Red Cross
:30 in length
Aired February 4-March 25

Stroll for Epilepsy
:04 in length
Aired January 8-26

Stroll for Epilepsy
:10 in length
Aired January 7-26

Stroll for Epilepsy
:15 in length
Aired January 5-27

United Way Campaign
:20 in length
Aired January 1-2

Childhood Obesity
:30 in length
Aired February 3-March 17

Stroke Awareness
:15 in length
Aired February 9-March 15

Triglycerides for Women
:30 in length
Aired February 3-March 24

Strike A Difference Bowl-a-Thon (Salvation Army)
:04 in length
Aired March 25-28

Strike A Difference Bowl-a-Thon (Salvation Army)
:10 in length
Aired March 27 only

Strike A Difference Bowl-a-Thon (Salvation Army)
:15 in length
Aired March 24-28

VII. CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NBC 4 at 11, January 1, 2007. OSU Break-ins. At an apartment on North Campus 2 roommates came back from their holiday break to a broken window, a broken lock and a lot of missing stuff. Even the basement was searched, clothing was taken and even their laundry detergent stole. It's enough to make them want to shout. During the last few days more and more students have reported holiday break-ins. Just last week, NBC 4 profiled a security effort aimed at watching over the vacant apartments during the holiday break, but all eyes cannot be all about, all the time. Unfortunately there will likely be more students returning to school these next few days, with fewer possessions than when they left. :57 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 3, 2007. Dad Pocket Money. Donald Branham says he's got the proof he's paid his daughter's funeral expenses in full. He says it was money out of his own pocket that was later reimbursed to him by the state's Crime Victim Fund. He also says the community raised funds to help take care of his family. 8 year-old Mackenzie died in April in a fire ruled as arson at her Jeffersonville home. Her mother and her mother's boyfriend escaped unharmed. The Fayette County Sheriff's office has yet to eliminate any suspects. Now it's also investigating the girl's missing grave marker, reported stolen just before Christmas. Her mother, Mary Ann Branham, filed a complaint with the Ohio Attorney general's office saying she "paid for half the funeral expenses and left the other half for Donald to pay with the money he collected. He has made few payments toward the half he owes and is collecting the rest of the money and putting it into his pocket." But he says that is not true and claims to have receipts for every dime collected. :58 in length

NBC 4 at 11, January 6, 2007. 2 Year Hurst Remembrance. Tears well up in the eyes of Columbus Police Officers as they stand at attention remembering one of their own. Officer Bryan Hurst was shot and killed by Daryl Lawrence during an attempted robbery at the Fifth Third Bank on East Broad Street 2 years ago today. Recently the killer found he wouldn't get the death penalty when a federal judge set aside the penalty after he said the jury's sentencing recommendations were inconsistent. The Jury spoke they were clear what they wanted and as far as they were concerned the death penalty. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 16, 2007. Clerk Killed. Aboul Shalash's family gathered to support one another as news spread that he was shot and killed during an attempted robbery. The 48 year-old owner of the Beauty Plus Store was a friend to everyone. The store was full of everything from cosmetics to snacks, a neighborhood stop, that became a crime target around 2 yesterday afternoon. Police searched a nearby apartment complex for the suspects after a tip, but no luck. Now Shalash's family asks for your help to find who killed a father, a brother and a friend. 1:03 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 16, 2007. Train Stolen. Taking a cue from Johnny cash, Nelsonville Police say 2 teens broke out of the Hocking Valley Juvenile Center and took off and their get away ride was engine 5833 of the Hocking Valley Railway. Engineer Earl Defibaugh tells the story. "He definitely had some knowledge or he couldn't have gotten the engine out of the house." The boys then went on a wild ride, heading south down the track, when the train got stuck in this thick brush, they turned back and headed north with their hand on the horn. Police finally caught up with them when the train stopped at South Logan. Earl says his engine is no worse for wear. The whole town of Nelsonville heard about the boy's brazen escape and all the people in town heard the whistle. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 18, 2007. Dover Road Murder Charge. The pieces began to fall in place for detectives Wednesday when they discovered the body of 50 year-old Kenneth Littler, Jr. in his house. He'd been hit in the head with an ax. Littler's missing car was spotted hours later, with his step son driving. After a short chase which led to a crash, police arrested Jeremy Littler at the scene. Detectives charged him with the aggravated murder of his stop dad. Then over night, another arrest, Aaron Debord, charged with complicity to commit murder. But friends of both suspects say Aaron had nothing to do with the killing. They say he came to their house right after Kenneth Littler's murder, and was crying and saying he was not in the room when it happened. While the investigation continues, some may ask why Debord never called police. The murder allegedly happened last Friday and it was a tip from Littler's employers that led police to the body when he didn't show up for work on Wednesday. :58 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, January 18, 2007. Worthington Burglary Ring. Jewelry, tools, a Blackberry, Worthington Police say that and more was recovered from a stolen car after 2 homes had been burglarized. Staci Banks and 30 year-old Mark Rider were arrested and charged with stealing the car, a \$70,000 Denali where police say they found all that stolen merchandize. Police believe the pair may be responsible for other burglaries in Upper Arlington, Powell and Hilliard. They drive around looking for obvious targets, looking for elderly people in high-end neighborhoods. Police say doors may not be secured, cars with valuable are unlocked and left in the driveway. Bags and bags of evidence sit on the floor at the Worthington Police Station because this investigation is far from over. :40 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 22, 2007. Dublin Coaches. This former Dublin High School senior and Lacrosse player says he was intimidated by his coach, Brian Simpson and his dad Frank. It happened in the locker room in front of this team mates, 3 weeks after he cam forward and said he was sexually assaulted by an assistant coach wearing a black glove on a bus coming back from a Lacrosse tournament in Tennessee last April. Brian Simpson and his dad are on trial charged with intimidating a witness. It was up to the Lt. to file charges after looking at everything in a packet. Everything in that packet included interviews with 26 students who were in the locker room, the night police say Frank and Brian Simpson intimated the alleged victim. One of those students testified today. The teenage boy's mother testified her son went from not wanting to leave high school, to have trouble making it through a whole school day. :43 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 23, 2007. Gang Turf War. The writing may literally be on the wall. Web Boys crossed out and L-Block Tags emerging. This may just look like graffiti, but to Columbus Police it's a declaration of war, a turf war between 2 young gangs. Someone's in the area challenging what was all Web Boys stuff before. And people living in the area of Weber and Pontiac are feeling the effects of battle. "It's scary, what's gonna happen when these 2 groups come to a head., someone innocent is going to die." Police say they're working to stop the war, putting officer out and hoping it doesn't escalate. Both uniform and covert officers will be targeting the area with extra patrols, working to both be more visible and to gather intelligence. Neighbors say they'd just like to be able to walk down the street. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 5, January 24, 2007. Drugged Bus Driver. 53 year-old Lawrence Battle of Violet Township was in court today, facing charges of felony drug possession and abuse. He is a bus diver for "First Student" a national company that has a contract with Columbus Public schools to transport children to and from charter and public schools. Just before 3 o'clock yesterday, Battle was on his way to pickup kids at Liberty Christian Academy at the end of the school day. When officers pulled him over for a traffic violation not far from the bus garage on Alum Creek Drive. But it was much more than Battle's alleged improper turn that concerned police. A search was done of the school bus and a needle was found on board with no cap and it tested positive for a form of cocaine in the needle itself.. Police say Battle did not appear to be intoxicated at the time but he may have been getting ready to inject himself with the drug. The Administrator for Liberty Christian Academy says it was a blessing that no children were yet on board. Patents at the school agree. :51 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, January 25, 2007. City Worker Prostitute. Columbus Vice Detectives were working in the Greenlawn and Harmon Avenues are Wednesday afternoon around 3:30. The officers reported seeing amazes those in city government. A Columbus Water Division worker is accused of picking up a prostitute. 46 year-old Roland Kinzer is now on paid administrative leave, charged with soliciting a prostitute. Police say he was in his city truck when he not only picked up the alleged prostitute, 32 year-old Shelia Gillilan, but drove her to another location engaged in a sex act with her before he was eventually picked up by police. Remember all in a city truck, Kinzer is on unpaid administrative leave from the city while they continue to investigate.

NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition, January 28, 2007. Church Burglary. It was a snowy Sunday morning as parishioners of Christ The King Catholic Church attended 8 am mass. A little after 8, 45 year-old Wendell Hollingsworth and 51 year-old Celeste Smith allegedly stormed into the middle of the service approached a parishioner and said "this is a robbery." Columbus Police say Bob Cuahonte was injured in the incident after the suspect allegedly him with a gun. Reports reveal that the suspects attempted to leave the church when they were apprehended by parishioners and held them until police arrived. 1:04 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 29, 2007. Murder for Hire. Chrissy Satterfield was only 16 years -old when she was murdered

more than 10 years ago. She was taking a shower at her grandmother's house in Benton Township, Michigan when bullets came flying through the tub from the outside of the home. That's where police say Joshan Childs and Jeremiah Sims were standing on an overturned trash can to shoot the teen they were hired to kill. The mastermind behind that murder plot, the FBI says was 44 year-old Carolyn Ross of Grove City. She was arrested Friday at her home outside of Columbus. The former Michigan woman is suspected of conspiring to kill the teen because her husband was having an affair with the girl. It took years for investigators to solve the case, but police say new technology, combined with fingerprints taken from the scene, helped them arrest Childs and Sims last year. Childs was convicted of murder for hire earlier this month. Sims goes to trial in February. As for Ross, she is being held without bond at the Franklin County Jail. She was in Federal Court today, 1:11 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 2, 2007. Coleman Plea. Clutching pictures of a loved one gone the Phillips family took turns telling a judge about life without Amy. Prosecutors say Donald Coleman, III, killed Phillips November 1st of 2005. Amy's naked and badly decomposed was found 6 months later near the Big Walnut Creek, just a few hundred feet from Coleman's home. Coleman and Phillips had been friends, helping each other deal with the mental illnesses they struggled with. Police have never pegged a motive for the killing. Coleman was charged with murder, but today pled to a lesser charge of manslaughter. He'll serve 10 years in prison. Coleman's mother Kathy is charged with tampering with evidence. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, February 4, 2007. Two Police Shootings. Columbus Police were called to this apartment around 3:30 on report of disturbance when they got there they say a man started firing shot at 2 officers. Police say the suspect fled on foot, then got into this SUV and drove off. Police followed and the chase ended a short distance away on Taylor Station Road. Shell casings are still scattered throughout the complex. Investigators say it's a very extensive scene. North of here on Cleveland Avenue around 9:30 last night police were once again forced to fire. Officers got a domestic violence call from the Huntington Square Apartments on Cleveland Avenue. The suspect had allegedly severely beaten a woman there. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 5, February 6, 2007. Gahanna Sex Offender. Steven Hidy isn't just a registered sex offender. After spending time in prison for sexual imposition and corruption of a minor, he was labeled a sex predator which the law says means Hidy is likely to re-offend. That's exactly what several local families say Hidy did upon his release in 2003. Several Gahanna Lincoln High School students tell police Hidy was giving them drugs and making sexual advances. When Hidy was arrested for allegedly stealing a gun from one of the boy's dad. Gahanna officers got information for Hidy's cell phone which led them to this home in Columbus. That's where police say they had a search warrant to seize Hidy's camera and pornographic images of a Gahanna boy. But there never was a search warrant for Hidy's phone. Hidy was indicted on 29 counts of pandering, but now the evidence may be inadmissible in court. Hidy's victims worry if he'll really pay for his alleged crimes. :57 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, February 9, 2007. Bank Robbery Tactics. The pictures are shocking and scary. Robbers racing into a Fifth/Third Bank armed with a shotgun. The Columbus Police Robbery Squad says this "take over Tactic" used to be uncommon. But recently detectives have seen a spike in extremely aggressive robbers. Public Eyes.Org, displays pictures of the often masked criminals at work. Some present notes, others brandish guns. The question why do some robbers choose to be violent? Several years ago, a bank robbery ended with the death of Officer Bryan Hurst. There is a real danger for everyone involved and the penalties are stiff. The FBI gets involved, suspects could face federal charges and it's a short lived career. Detectives say eventually they get caught and a prison sentence can often depend on the level of violence shown by the robber. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 10, 2007. Blankenship 10 Years. The gathering at the site Officer Michael Blankenship was murdered was small in comparison to the fallen hero's funeral 10 years ago. But it was just as powerful. In 1997, the Ohio State University Officer was gunned down in a battle with a theft suspect at the Wexner Center. He is the only campus officer in Ohio State's history to be killed in the line of duty. The vigil was organized by the undergraduate student government. Students who were not on campus at the time of the shooting but still wanted to show their support for campus officers. Blankenship's killer was later found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The 43 year old officer with 19 years of law enforcement service left behind a wife and 2 daughters. The current campus officers say his ultimate sacrifice remind them of the possibility of making their own. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 21, 2007. Foster Guilty. Liz Carroll was found guilty of murder today. Her mother Audrey Sims had to be taken from the courthouse screaming. Tears fell as the verdicts were read. Carroll was convicted of wrapping up Marcus Fiesel, leaving him in a closet for a weekend while she and her husband David went to a family reunion. The couple told police the boy disappeared or was taken from a local park. Now David Carroll will stand trial for the same crimes and his attorney says their defense will be different than his wife's. 1:01 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 23, 2007. 3 Year-Old Killed. The assault that police say led to the death of 3 year-old Hunter Leonard allegedly happened on Monday morning but the girl's mother, Lauren Bowermeister, and her boyfriend didn't report it until the next day. Allegedly the victim fell down the stairs that story is not consistent with what the doctors have discovered at the

hospital. According to this complaint the little girl was injured by strangulation and striking the victim's head, resulting in neck and brain injuries. On Tuesday the mother's boyfriend, 20 year-old Rickie Layton, the Second was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants and charged with endangering children. On Thursday he bonded out of jail, and just hours later the little girl died. Police say Bowermeister's other daughter 10 month old Logan Leonard suffered from the same injuries. Bowermeister has not been charged. She appears to be totally caught off guard that this appears to be involving an injury and it fact it wasn't until recently that he had started watching the children while she worked. Police are now looking for Layton. He's wanted on 2 counts of attempted murder and 2 counts of felonious assault. 1:08 in length.

NBC 4 at 6, February 23, 2007. Kid Killed Near Campus. Jeremy Kaltenbach took me back to the spot where his brother was killed. 19 year-old Chaz Kaltenbach was murdered in an alley behind East 11th Avenue. Chaz, his brother and 2 friends were walking from 1 party to another early on the morning of December 3rd, when one man approached the group. The shooter got away with no cash. Also shot and wounded that morning Tyler Lowe. Michael Krick held Chaz as he died. The suspect was wearing a coat with a large hood. None of the victims got a good look at the shooter. All 3 men believe the shooter lives in the neighborhood they visited with me. Central Ohio Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect. :42 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, February 24, 2007. East High School Party Shooting. It was a party that turned horribly violent. Ulysses Colegrove has 2 kids who go to East High School, but he says he wouldn't let them go to the party held at this home on Hildreth Avenue. These parties for these kids are just getting crazy. Shortly before eleven Friday night police say about a hundred kids, mostly from East High School were partying here outside of this home. Then there was some kind of dispute and shots rang out. When the gunfire stopped, 5 people had been hit. 17 year-old Eric Reeves died from his gunshot wound at Grant Medical Center hours later. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 28, 2007. Sex Offender Plates. A new bill proposed by Ohio Lawmakers would create a new license plate, so everyone knows when a sexual predator is driving down the street. Kristin's Law, named for 14 year-old Kristin Jackson, of Wooster, seen here in the blue t-shirt, abducted, raped and killed by a sexual predator in 2002. It would require convicted sexual predators put florescent green license plates on their car. A Democrat and Republican are co-sponsoring Kristin's Law and her mother hopes it spares others her pain. :29 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 2, 2007. Down Syndrome Embezzlement. A Reynoldsburg woman pled guilty to embezzling more than \$200,000 from the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio. Jacqueline Van Almsick served as treasurer of the group, and was named volunteer of the year. The group had to cut some services and are not relying on fundraisers. :17 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, March 3, 2007. Rash of Break-ins. It's something no one would want to find on their front door. This Woodland Trace apartment resident says he got a letter warning him to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity in his eastside apartment complex off Tussing Road. The letter that was sent out to over 130 apartments stated that there had been a rash of break-ins in the area. According to the property manager here there have been half a dozen break-ins within the last couple of weeks. Doors were kicked in and mainly electronic equipment was stolen during the most recent break-in a woman was home. The manager says the woman screamed and fortunately the suspect or suspects ran off. Residents are concerned and taking necessary precautions. This resident even got a door. The apartment manager says employees are patrolling the parking lots and even switching out all of the apartment locks. They say the Columbus Division of police has been notified as well. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 4, 2007. Home Invasion Increase. Columbus Police Commander Jeff Blackwell says burglaries are a problem in many parts of the city, but especially near Karl Road and along State Route 161 and Schrock Road in North Columbus. After reports of similar break-ins in the same neighborhoods, Commander Blackwell tagged the burglary problem as the "Crime of the Week" or "COW" for this area. To protect your home against break-ins, police offer these tips: Install a burglar alarm, lock all your doors and windows, when you leave and when you're at home. Don't leave spare keys outside, burglars know the traditional hiding spots. Keep your house well lit at night and be aware. :56 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 5, 2007. Starving kid. Mildred McMannis admitted in court today she let her 16 year-old son, Patrick, practically wither away. Last year a Newark High School teacher suspected abuse and reported it. Newark Police say the boy lived on little more than canned vegetables. Patrick's biological father asked a judge today to give McMannis a tough sentence. She'll spend the next 4 years behind bars. McMannis says she felt overwhelmed and even reached out to the Licking County MRDD Board and an emergency group home for the boy, but was told the wait would be 2 to 3 years. Meanwhile, the one person she allegedly didn't ask for help was from Patrick's father. He says he's been available all along and continues to fight for custody. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 5, 2007. Grant Confession. Stephen Grant spent nearly a month denying he had anything to do with his wife's disappearance. That denial reportedly ended today. According to Detroit area Sheriff's Deputies, he's confessed in great detail

to exactly how he first strangled his wife, then methodically dismembered her body. 3 days ago, deputies say they found evidence linking him to the murder of Tara Lynn Grant. Inside their home, deputies found a torso they believed was Tara Grant. Stephen Grant was tracked down Saturday in Northern Michigan, shoeless and coatless, running through a forest in the snow. Today, as deputies recover all of Tara Grant's body, her family struggles to cope. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 7, 2007. Shalash Suspect. He didn't pull the trigger but 16 year-old Ronald Smith Junior drove the getaway car on January 15th, after 2 of his friends allegedly robbed and killed Abdel Shalash, the owner of the Stylish Beauty Plus Store. Ronald Smith said he didn't want to go inside because the store owner Abdel Shalash knew him very well. In fact, the prosecution said Smith had been inside the store buying a cell phone just 10 minutes before the murder. He sends his apology to the family. Shalash's family had no response. They stared silently in grief. Their husband and father killed for a mere \$200. Smith also confessed to 2 other aggravated robberies the same week as the murder. His mother cried as the judge sentenced him to 20 years in prison. But Smith did not utter a single word. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 8, 2007. Child Death Investigation. Just after 10 this morning authorities arrived to this north east Columbus home, inside was 4 year-old Antwan Bowman Junior, who authorities say went into cardiac arrest. Antwan was sent to Children's hospital where he later died. Police have yet to confirm if foul play was a factor. Antwan's mother and live-in boyfriend have been questioned by police as is standard protocol. However, relatives have their own suspicions. The child's grandmother tells NBC 4 Antwan and his 4 siblings were removed from the home by Franklin County Children's Services last April, returning to this home last week. Children's Services confirmed for us they have been working with the family. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Police Legal Liaison. Eric Grinston was arrested last month for running a bootleg operating out this north side home. Columbus Vice Officers had worked for years to shut down the illegal house-bar. They requested on Grinston's arrest report that certain evidence from the boot joint be seized by the court. But that never happened since Grinston's arrest report went missing, and when police learned Grinston had been given a plea deal, they complained to the City Attorneys' Office. Prosecutors say they're just as frustrated that officers don't always keep them informed about important cases. But that's all changing, City Attorney Rick Pfeiffer just developed something called FZI, the Five Zone Initiative. He's assigned an attorney to each of Columbus's 5 police zones, so officers can work directly with one person for more effective prosecution. He says in time the FZI will deter criminals with more attention being paid to officer's special cases and prosecutors pushing harder for tougher punishments. 1:01 in length

Public Service Announcements

ID Theft Protection

:30 in length

Aired January 4-March 18

Online Sexual Exploitation

:30 in length

Aired January 1-February 17

VIII. FAMILY-YOUTH-ELDERLY

NBC 4 at 6, January 1, 2007. First Night Columbus. His face speckled with glitter, this boy made his New Year's hat at Veteran's Memorial, at the start of First Night Columbus, another youngster made glittery glasses. An artist drew caricatures, while juggler took a bite in the middle of his act, all of this part of the family friendly "First Night" tradition. This is Columbus' opportunity to give people a very safe, alcohol-free environment for their families. One of 150 "First Night" celebrations throughout the US and Canada. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 2, 2007. Ford Funeral. Leaving the US Capitol, where Gerald Ford rose to Republican leader, the former President's casket made the journey that he had made in 1973, down Pennsylvania Avenue, to the White House, named by Richard Nixon as Vice President Ford rose to the presidency when Nixon resigned a year later. Ford's family, here his son Steve and Daughter Susan know their father's down to earth nature. Gerald Ford had privately criticized the Iraq war and President Bush. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 2, 2007. Correct your Credit. Typically its uncontrolled spending that pushes consumers into debt then it's only a matter of time before the collectors start to call you. But each year many consumers are approached for bills they don't owe or debts that have been settled. Consumer advocates call it, Zomie Debt, it usually happens when debt collectors buy records of old debt problems. Most people might consider this a minor inconvenience, but it can go a lot deeper. Especially if

this Zombie Debt is erroneously attached to your credit score. Here's what you need to do: write a letter to ask what the money is for that you owe, ask for the company to explain how they calculated what they say you owe, ask for copies of any papers that say you agreed to pay, ask them to identify the original creditor. Tell them if a negative mark is found on your credit report by the company they represent, you will bring legal action against them including violation of the fair credit reporting act. Ask for an investigation within 30 days, during which all collection activity must cease. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 5, 2007. Water Bills. You turn on the tap and the water is there. That's what Corey Ferguson expects. But he didn't expect it would cost so much, almost \$70 for one month. Corey lives alone but his finance' will move in after the wedding, so her name is on the lease too. Corey, like thousands of other Columbus area apartment dwellers pay a water fee that's not so much based on usage, but rather occupancy of square footage of the unit. Before you think landlords are trying to pull a fast one realize this should be included in the original lease and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is aware of the practice. But the Ohio Consumers Counsel says regardless of what the agreement says, ask in reality how the utilities are going to be charged. The Consumers Counsel offers free fact sheets about Utility Service and Renting. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 11, January 24, 2007. Do not Call Lists. A rumor is circulating the internet that might have you worried telemarketers will start calling, even if you've already signed up for the Do Not Call List. We're working for you to separate fact from fiction. If you've been getting e-mails that say "on January 30, 2007, all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketers it is not true. :20 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 31, 2007. Very Fit Senior. Learning to live, it takes experience, and when we need advice, we need the most qualified experts, some one like Marion Downs. Marion Downs is 93 years-old, and she's celebrating with a group of people half, and some cases one tenth her age. She's showing them some of the exercises she does every day. Stretching and walking are just part of Marion's routine, she also swims, skis and plays tennis. Marion knows how to live and she's eager to share her secrets. Way back when she was 92 she wrote a book titled "Shut Up and Live." :58 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 2, 2007. Utility Rates. Last month the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio asked each of the states gas utility companies to inspect riser and to replace those found to be faulty. Columbia Gas needs to inspect over 400,000 of these risers. It's the customers cost to pay to fix the problem and would cost the homeowner hundred of dollars. So Columbia Gas is saying for you to pay up to \$1.94 to help off set the repair cost and avoid paying hundreds of dollars. Besides a gas hike, AT & T is increasing \$1.25 extra on basic service. :59 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, February 9, 2007. AT & T Parental Controls. The battle to protect your children from online predators has jumped to a new level. Several media technology and media organizations including Time Warner, Facebook and My Space have joined to launch "Project Online Safety." It's all part of an industry wide effort to better educate parents and children about online sexual predators. Pay Lyons is with the Center for Children and Family Advocacy in Columbus. She says there's really only one way to protect children online. "I think the solution is education, education, education and prevention is education at its best. The Website Project Online Safety.com has information on ways to report trouble on the internet, cyber bullying and do's and don'ts on major site like Myspace. :53 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 8, 2007. Dogs in the Cold. Since the bitter cold has moved in, area animal shelters say they've been working at full capacity. Human Gents have been out in the freezing temperatures checking the living conditions of dogs out in the cold. They've been finding that many dogs are with inadequate shelter and no food. This dog's saliva is frozen. For those who have animals in the elements, agents leave straw so the dog's house can be insulated. But they also leave a warning. If the dog's conditions aren't improved, the animal could be removed. Once your dog has been taken, you can get it back as long as you can prove that you can provide adequate shelter. 1:03 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 15, 2007. Animal Abuse Draft. These are photos taken by the Perry County Humane Society that show abuse happening all around the state. They say these are pictures no one wants to see. This video was taken at a home in rural Perry County just weeks ago. The dogs left in cages with frozen water, limping from the cold. The owner of these dogs spoke to us and claims the animals aren't being abused. He showed us the dogs, the conditions had been cleaned up, but the owner asked us not to record it. According to the local Sheriff the owner is not facing any charges. But the Perry County Humane Society says there is a larger problem and that more needs to be done to investigate cases where animal may be suffering neglect. John Price, Perry County Humane Society stated the solution is for the County to support a Humane Agent and put teeth into the effort to stop what they believe is a growing case of rural animal abuse. Captured in pictures like these of horses and dogs from around the County and the state by Price and members of the Ohio SPCA. Price says all he has met is resistance from County Leaders. 2:14 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, February 18, 2007. Columbus Residential. Today, the city of Columbus had between 40 and 50 plow trucks assigned to go after complaints of residential streets which had either not been plowed or received only one treatment and were still snow covered. There are still plenty of snow covered streets. The city of Columbus says if they've

been plowed, but are still snow covered, that is as good as it's going to get. They will not be plowed down to the pavement. But at least now most residential streets are passable. That was not the case until just his weekend. In the plowed neighborhoods, today was spent chipping away at the piles of snow and ice pushed up to the end of driveways. But among all the complaints, there are some praises. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 2, 2007. Collections Scam. Confusion for this Columbus after someone continues to call them about a huge phone bill, they know nothing about. We called on behalf of the couple and didn't get much information except the calls are coming from Ontario, Canada from a Debt Recover Service. According to the FTC a debt collector can not repeatedly use the telephone to annoy you. Ask for proof of the debt, including dates and company name. You can stop a debt collector from contacting you by writing a letter telling them to stop if you can prove you don't owe the debt and the calls or letters continue, you can contact the Attorney General's Office and the Federal Trade Commission. :55 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 2, 2007. Wendy's Closing. On the final day at the original "Wendy's" customers lined up to order and packed the dining room. Gary Anderson drove from Indiana to have lunch with his son Kyle, Gary ate here on November 15th, 1969, the day the restaurant opened. Wendy's now has 6600 stores in 20 countries. But the original "Wendy's" has lost money for years, with no drive-thru window, limited parking and poor night and weekend sales. Before the late Dave Thomas opened the first "Wendy's" he hired Gloria Soffe at the far right in this picture to work the counter and keep the books. The store may close, but his legacy lives on. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, March 4, 2007. Survivor Comes Home. Tyler Hill is doing fairly well physically but says some of the toughest healing is yet to come. The accident has been haunting him. Hill says he also tried to help a couple of friends that were pinned under the bus. Hill says he remembers too clearly when he came upon a teammate who didn't make it. Tyler's mother and father went out to Atlanta as soon as they got news of the accident. Lisa Hill visited the accident scene and she spent time with some of the deceased victim's parents. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, March 4, 2007. Worthington Pond Hero. A terrifying event for a family of 4 as their car lost control and crashed into freezing water. Worthington Police say the driver of the SUV hit a patch of ice and instead of hitting the brake hit the accelerator. It swerved off the road through trees and then into the water. That's when teenager Alyssa Miller and other man rushed down to help get the family out of the water. Everyone was able to get out ok and they are doing fine this evening. :32 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Credit Cards. The senate is putting the credit card industry on notice, warning their billing practices are putting consumers further into debt and their policies need to change. Yesterday several credit card customers testified before a special senate sub committee about soaring interest rates, late fees and other penalties. Last year alone credit card companies collected more than 17 billion dollars in fines and penalties. Lawmakers say those hidden fees and complicated billing practices are hard to understand and forcing many deeper into debt. A Chase Credit Card Customer from Ohio testified how his \$3,200 bill swelled to past \$10,000 because of those stiff penalties. :45 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 8, 2007. Save Less be Okay. You hear it all the time, You're not saving enough money for retirement. One financial expert says you may actually be saving too much and could be spending more of that money now and still be okay when it comes time for retirement. Economics Professor Larry Kotlikoff says 4 out of 10 people may be saving too much and he blames it on the financial calculator that many people use to figure out how much to save. :26 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 9, 2007. Good Samaritan Fire. The fire started in the middle of the night. It's believed hot coals from a barbecue grill dropped down onto the porch. The 2 men who lived here were saved. Jimmy Dozier was the first out of a second floor window. Guiding his roommate Greg Garner who is legally blind. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 11, 2007. Buckeye Basketball Fans. Big Ten Champs once again. Celebrating the victory at Champps Restaurant was a true experience today as the Buckeye faithful watched their team rip up the Badgers up and down the court. This is every basketball fans favorite time of the year. 1:01 in length

NBC 4 at 11, March 11, 2007. Missing Person Family. Marcia Pitts wonders whether the human bones found in Marion Saturday belong to her sister Patti Adkins. Patti was last seen in June of 2001, leaving work after her shift at the Honda plant in Marysville. Nearly 6 years later Marcia has no hope that Patti is still alive. So, if investigators determine the bones are her sister's remains, Marcia says she and her family will finally be able to have a funeral and proper burial for Patti. Randy Shaffer hopes the bones found are not the remains of his son, Brian Shaffer, the OSU medical student was last seen leaving the Ugly Tuna Saloon on High Street last April. Almost one year later Randy wears a button and a green wristband with Brian's name. Hopeful that his son is still alive and well. 1:09 in length

Meet The Press aired Sundays, January – March from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and repeats from 3:30-4:30 a.m.

Dateline NBC aired Tuesdays, January–March from 8:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturdays January 13, 20, and 27 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and all Saturdays in February and March from 8:00-9:00 p.m.; Sundays in March from 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Wednesdays March 7 & 14 from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: Former President Ford Funeral Service at Washington National Cathedral aired Tuesday, January 2 from 9:00 a.m.-12:14 p.m.

NBC News: President Bush Address aired Wednesday, January 10 from 9:00-9:24 p.m.

NBC News: State of the Union Address aired Tuesday, January 23 from 9:00-10:30 p.m.

NBC 4: OSU: Run for #1 National Championship Special aired Friday January 5 from 7:00-7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 7 from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NBC 4 News Special Report: OSU loses BCS Championship Game to Florida University aired Monday, January 8 from 12:26-12:39 a.m.

Public Service Announcements

Children's Hunger Alliance

:10 in length

Aired January 6-March 19

Children's Hunger Alliance

:30 in length

Aired January 6-February 24

Children's Hunger Alliance

:15 in length

Aired January 2-February 4

Children's Hunger Alliance

:04 in length

Aired February 22-March 20

Buckeye Ranch/Hoops for Healing

:30 in length

Aired January 3-March 18

Winter Crisis Program

:10 in length

Aired January 1-March 15

Winter Crisis Program

:20 in length

Aired January 1-March 4

Winter Crisis Program

:04 in length

Aired January 6-March 20

Winter Crisis Program

:15 in length

Aired January 1-March 9

Volunteers of America

:15 in length

Aired February 11-March 26

Heritage of Love Concert

:04 in length
Aired March 3-28

Heritage of Love Concert
:10 in length
Aired March 24-27

Heritage of Love Concert
:15 in length
Aired March 22-26

IX. MINORITY

NBC 4 at 11, January 2, 2007. Immigrant Arrest Help. With only 18 officers in the Department, Heath Police Chief says they're stretched to the limits and when they come in contact with an illegal immigrant their work gets even harder. The latest incident that puts this issue in the forefront is an attempted murder incident at the local Chipotle restaurant. It involved 35 year old Andrew Gonzales-Santos who is accused of stabbing his wife, 30 year-old Norberta Sanchez-Hernandez. The Chief says both were undocumented employees of the restaurant. Another incident happened last year when 4 illegal immigrants allegedly gang paged a young resident. Chief Shepherd says these investigations and other like them are hampered by lack of documentation, leaving no trail to follow. He says he needs more power to enforce the laws already in place, namely the Federal Law that prohibits employers from hiring undocumented workers. :1:29 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 3, 2007. Milo Fundraiser. A local group is asking the community to help save the arts. The Milo Arts will be holding an art exhibit and silent art auction at the Milo Arts Building to help try to save the sale of the building. It's the first in a series of events planned to help save the building. The exhibit and action starts tonight at 6 PM. The Event is free, but donations will be accepted. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 3, 2007. Meals on Wheels Fakes. Tonight a warning for families who receive Meals on Wheels. The Agency wants you to make sure you know who's delivering food to your door. The alert is in response to a police report where a woman claimed someone had shown up at her house claiming there were with the agency, but in fact were not. Meals on Wheels tells us they haven't heard of this happening very often but they say they want to keep it that way. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 12, 2007. MLK Celebration. A celebration honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. Governor Ted Strickland and members of the OHIO MLK Commission presented awards to people who help advance nonviolent social change. Students from across the state read their winning speeches. :17 in length

NBC 4 at 6, January 15, 2007. MLK Exhibit. Today some of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's most intimate thoughts are on display for all the world to see. More than 600 of Dr. King's personal papers will debut at the Atlanta History Center today, on what would have been his 78th birthday. The collection includes the only known draft of his "I have a dream" speech. Here in central Ohio, there are several events in honor of Dr. King. :36 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 2, 2007. Cold Help. Thousands of homeless people live in the city of Columbus, Rosemary is one of them. She couldn't pay rent and the landlord says she had to leave. She knows what it's like to live here on the cold hard streets. Tonight it's too cold, so Rosemary came here, to the Faith Mission Shelter on Spring Street. It's the winter overflow shelter. So when other shelters around the city fill up, people come here, with the men's shelter across the street, they can house 275 people. Tonight they're more than full. With an extra 129 bodies and the bitter cold night is still young. :59 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, February 3, 2007. Greenlawn Black History Month. Some central Ohioans gathered today to celebrate the beginning of black history month. The Merry Makers, an African-America Civil Social organization celebrated Black History Month at the Chapel at Greenlawn Cemetery with music and speaker. Organizers then honored past members by visiting their graves at Greenlawn. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 5, 2007. Homeless in the Cold. The brutal cold weather is especially tough for central Ohio's homeless people. Some of whom refuse to go to area shelters. This group of tents not far from downtown. Columbus is home for Bill Grant and his German Shepherd, Ramsey. Pastor Dan Franz of the Vineyard Church of Columbus leads an effort to bring blankets, clothing, food and space heaters to people like Bill. The church reaches out to the homeless all year round, but especially when temperatures drop into the single digits. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 6, 2007. Homeless Cold. We are all trying to brave this winter storm, some better than others. ER doctors have seen their fair share of people coming in because of car wrecks. With the freezing temperatures, Dr. Patrick Hayes, Riverside Hospital, Emergency Room, says there haven't been too many cases of frostbite. The homeless are of course a concern during this time of severe cold. Over 500 homeless people are seeking cover in shelters. Faith Mission, the winter overflow shelter is helping more than 250 people tonight. Whether it's medical attention or a night to stay, no one should be left in the cold. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, March 3, 2007. Homeless March. One organization is lending a hand to the homeless of Columbus. Today around 150 homeless showed up for an event by the Exodus Nation Community organization. It's a non-religious group which hopes to bring all of the outreach agencies throughout the region together. The ENCO is made up of teachers, artists, business owners and students. :15 in length

Public Service Announcements

Martin Luther King Jr. Open House

:10 in length

Aired January 1-15

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:04 in length

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Martin Luther King Jr. Open House

:15 in Length

Aired January 2-14

Black History Month/Mike Jackson

:10 in length

Aired February 3-25

Black History Month/Bob Nunnally

:10 in length

Aired February 5-28

Black History Month/Mike Jackson

:15 in length

Aired February 3-27

Black History Month/Bob Nunnally

:15 in length

Aired February 3-27

Black History Month/Colleen Marshall

:15 in length

Aired February 4-26

Black History Month/Cabot Rea

:20 in length

Aired February 3-27

X. EMPLOYMENT

NBC 4 at 6, January 3, 2007. Death of Westland. Bridget Williams says she shops at the Westland Macy's at least twice a week. The people behind the counter have become her friends and she says losing the store is going to be heart braking for the west side. The City says it wants to help the people who will lose their jobs and the Development Department is already working with neighbors and other businesses hoping to rejuvenate the area. But bringing a new anchor is going to be difficult. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 19, 2007. Job Perks. Now could be a very good time to look for a new job, recruiters say the demand for talent in the labor market is at the point where increased pay, benefit and job perk offers are becoming

commonplace. The latest challenger job market index shows 92% of those finding new positions last year won equivalent or better salaries, benefits and titles. It's the highest annual percentage in 10 years. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 8, 2007. Clinton Township Layoff. A central Ohio community is downsizing their fire department because of money problems. Clinton Township Trustees have voted to lay off 2 firefighters and a third will seek early retirement. The move will save the township more than \$270,000 and it's all to offset rising employee rates like workers comp and health insurance. After the layoffs at the end of the month, Clinton Township will be left with just 6 firefighters and 2 chiefs. Kurt Dietz, one of the men being laid off says that's extremely top heavy especially when you consider 1 chief's salary. :35 in length

NBC 4 at 11, February 9, 2007. Bad Temp Agency. When NMC 4 first brought you the story on Global Personnel, a new staffing agency in the city, the Better Business Bureau, had received about a half a dozen complaints. But that number has since gone up, the allegations keep coming. Clients who've paid almost \$400 for jobs they never were sent on. One former employee says the company didn't have exclusive agreements with employers, like it claimed, but searched for jobs another way. And now yet another allegation, corporate identity theft. This is the business card of the Columbus based Global Personnel, It bears the same logo and slogan as a Texas based company also named Global Personnel. But the two companies have never been affiliated with each other. The Texas based company was alerted when they started getting complaint calls. In fact the Texas based business has never received complaints for legitimate work it's done and says it plans to sue. 1:26 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, February 19, 2007. Getting A job. If you're soon to be a college graduate or just someone looking for a new job. Raleigh, North Carolina might be your best bet. Forbes.com rated the capital of North Carolina number one on its list of the top US cities for getting a job. According to Forbes, Raleigh has a low unemployment rate, high incomes and a low cost of living. All in a city with mild weather. Phoenix, Arizona is second on the list with a booming housing market and a number of biotech companies. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, February 27, 2007. Job Satisfaction. A survey says American workers hate their jobs, more now than in the past 20 years. The survey shows that less than half say they're satisfied with their employment. Workers under the age of 25 have the most dissatisfaction and nearly half of workers age 55 or older aren't satisfied, either. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 5, March 2, 2007. Hertz Layoffs. Hertz is cutting some 1350 jobs from its car rental operations. The company says the reductions are to reduce bureaucracy and to trim expenses. Hertz expects to save up to 15 million dollars with the move. It's the second round of cuts in about 2 months. The car rental giant said then it was trimming about 200 jobs to boost competitiveness. No work yet if local employees will be affected. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 5, 2007. Teens Risky Jobs. Here's something for teenagers and their parents to think about heading into the summer job season. The first national study to interview teens about on-the-job dangers finds that in some cases Federal Laws are being broken. Many teens tell researchers they've operated hazardous equipment, received no safety training and worked alone after dark. 37% of teens under 16 said they had worked after 7 PM on a school night. That's a violation of Federal rules. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30 March 8, 2007. Looking for a Job. According to Monster.Com's Monster Employment index on-line job recruiting surged in February, reflecting a huge increase in on-line demand for workers nationwide. Transportation, warehousing and utilities showed the sharpest increases in recruitment. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 6, March 12, 2007. Statewide School Bus. Today, the ODE recommended that the State School Board consider adopting important changes, disqualifying from employment any bus driver applicant who has had a DUI in the past 6 years. Currently a DUI in the past 2 years would be enough to disqualify someone. Disqualifiers would also include 6 points on a person's license for traffic convictions. Currently 8 points makes an applicant ineligible. A new rule would also disqualify anyone with 2 or more serious traffic violations in the past 2 years. A railroad crossing violation would automatically make someone ineligible, and so would refusing to participate in Federally Mandated random drug or alcohol screenings. As for criminal convictions, the State says it's not enough that drivers are only checked up on every 6 years. From now on ODE wants drivers to self report to their employer anytime they get in trouble with the law. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, March 14, 2007. Fast Growing Industry. Looking for a new career, you may want to consider the health care and technology industry. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics 7 of the 10 fastest growing jobs in the US will be in Health care. Medical assistants, dental assistants and physical therapist aides should all see growth of more than 30% by 2014. :21 in length

XI. ENVIRONMENT

- NBC 4 at Midday, January 4, 2007. Smoking Ban Rules. The Smoking Ban Advisory Committee is looking for your feedback. Member of the Ohio Department of Health posted the results of their last public meeting on line about implementing enforcement of Ohio's new indoor smoking ban. They'll be holding another meeting on January 18, 2007. :17 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, January 5, 2007. Sewer Problems. The city of Columbus is committed to a comprehensive 2 ½ billion dollar plan to improve the sewer system over several decades. One of those on the east side of Columbus, the Bliss Run storm water relief trunk, which is expected to be completed in another year and will relieve the constant problem of basement flooding. :21 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, January 16, 2007. Flooding and Snow. In Pickaway County where unrelenting rain finally ended, the aftermath is lingering. Roads that turn into dead ends, golf course greens that are now full blown water hazards. State workers monitor the flooded highways that remain closed to drivers. With no significant rain fall in the forecast residents here hope the water crest does not go much higher. :38 in length
- NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition, January 21, 2007. Outlying First Snow. Early this morning when the snow just started falling, Pickaway County got hit hard. Traffic here on US 23 had to slow way down. The plows were out trying to stay on top of things. It was finally time to get one of these out to clear off the walks. Up in Delaware County some chose to get around by other means. Taking advantage of the packed snow that stuck to the ground, plows were out on the rural roads, but it was going to be a while before they're completely clear. According to the State Highway Patrol, its Delaware Past was busy all day with reports of accidents. While the snow created problems for some we caught up with Union County Residents enjoying Mother Nature. 1:08 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, January 22, 2007. Smoking Ban. The debate over the statewide smoking ban continues, as the Department of health tries to figure out how the new law will be implemented. The ban has been in effect for 6 weeks, but officials haven't been able to enforce it because they're still developing the rules and a schedule of fines. :24 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 29, 2007. Warning of Coyotes. Little Chaquitta, is 8 pounds of Chihuahua energy. But for a pack of coyotes that live just off of Rex Brown's property she would make a nice snack. That is why Rex Brown doesn't let her out alone, especially at night. Today the residents of the West Albany subdivision in Plain Township received warnings from their neighborhood association to keep their small animal inside at night. The coyote pack which include at least 5 members, are believe to live near the Rocky Fork Creek which borders the subdivision. Coyotes are not native to Ohio, but are found in every county in the state today. They are omnivores and will eat just about anything from vegetable, to the small mammals that make up their dies. 1:12 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, January 30, 2007. Rat Invasion. Ed Cahill has a growing problem - rats. Tonight they were all hiding, but their tracks were evident in the snow and he has seen up to a half dozen at one time. They haven't made it into his house, but he says they are always in his shed when he opened it and this week they invaded his car, chewing through wires and leaving bits of food under the hood. Just last summer, the city acknowledged it had a rat problem and started an initiative to get them under control. Cahill has talked to the city offices about his rat situation. So far, however, he has had no success. 1:02 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 1, 2007. Lead Test. A simple blood test could be the key to save your child from serious hardships in the future. It's a test for lead poisoning and it is critical to prevent long term learning disabilities. But in Ohio thousands of children are not getting these tests required by Federal law and in some cases, taxpayers are paying for them even when the tests aren't done. In fact, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services is not even close. A study released by Ohio Medicaid, states that only 43% of Ohio's Medicaid eligible kids are tested. 2:00 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 11, 2007. Fluoride Water Issue. It's found in tap water. We're talking about fluoride. Last September, the National Research Council released a report stating infants 12 months and younger could be at risk of having higher doses of fluoride intake. Dental Fluorosis is chronic poisoning by drinking water which contains an excessive amount of fluoride. But if you ask Joann Bainter, Lancaster resident, she's been fighting fluoride in tap water since 1970 and has been successful at it. Fairfield County does not have fluoride in its tap water. A low amount of fluoride in water has been approved by the American Dental Association, the American Medical Association and the CDC. For infants, doctors may recommend non-fluoridated products. 1:24 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, February 21, 2007. Roaches – Rats – Breaking Lease. This is video shot by Linda and Charles Smith. They live at Wedgewood Village Apartments. The couple is fed-up. The city of Columbus has received complaints about the complex

before but also say the owners work on fixing the problems. A Wedgewood manager said “We truly care about what happens here, any issues we are made aware of we take care of in a timely manner.” They even sent an exterminator to the Smith’s apartment today. Still Wedgewood management let the Smith’s out of their lease. If you are in the same situation, let your landlord know about the problem. If things aren’t fixed, you may want to call the city. 1:17 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 23, 2007. Smoking Theater. Votes approved a statewide smoking ban, meaning no smoking anywhere – even on stage. But now Republican State Senator Robert Schuler is sponsoring a bill to allow actors to light up. Many theater productions as well as big name musicians smoke while performing and they would be violating the law if they lit up. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition, February 25, 2007. Nelsonville Explosion. It shot a manhole cover up into the air, it damaged houses and gave neighbors a jump they’ll never forget. An explosion that the Nelsonville Fire Department says began here where Janet Mitchell’s Jeep Wrangler got stuck. Her Jeep sat for about an hour and in that time officials now believe gas leaked from her tank into the storm sewer. The fumes built up and were ignited and exploded 500 yards away. 60 houses were evacuated. The storm sewer runs right under Mike Puia’s house and he’s still figuring out the extent of the damage. :117 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 26, 2007. Delaware Creek Fuel Spill HazMat crews were called out to what may have been some sort of fuel spill in Delaware County last night. The spill is in a creek near Grady Memorial Hospital. Residents say they found a reddish substance in the creek this weekend. The Fire Department is setting up a boom to clean the water. :190 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 28, 2007. Bad Junkyard. The owner of a south side landfill was ordered to court today because he allegedly failed to shut the place down even though a judge told him to do so. The Health Department says John Craig doesn’t have a license and that’s why his landfill just south of Berliner Park was ruled a nuisance and ordered to be shut down back in 2003. Craig says he runs a recycling business and the Health Inspectors along with the prosecutor and Judge are being unfair to him. :26 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 2, 2007. Columbia Gas Tree. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has reached an agreement with Columbia Gas on reducing the number of trees that will be cut down on state forest land. Last summer environmental groups and local residents protected plans to clear cut a 300 foot wide section of the Mohican Memorial State Forest surrounding 56 natural gas wells. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 8, 2007. Safety of Our Food Supply. The Food and Drug Administration’s Food Safety Budget has been cut almost in half in the last 3 years. Consumer advocates say more people get sick from eating bad produce than seafood, beef and poultry, combined and that’s not a coincidence. Caroline Smith, Center For Science stated: “Without more oversight, consumers can expect more large outbreaks nationwide. Rep. Bart Stupak, chairman House Oversight & Investigation Committee stated: “The expert on food safety at one Think-Tank says the only way to kill bacteria in produce is by irradiation it, zapping it with radiation and that consumer advocates are wrong to think more inspections is the answer. 1:06 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 9, 2007. On Sunday, you may take an extra glance at the clock, that old adage spring forward fall back is popping up 3 weeks early to save energy. But computer software still thinks the change takes place next month. Programmers across the country are making sure businesses will still have reliable voicemail, phone and computer systems. The key is making sure the machines we all rely on can handle the time change. 1:16 in length

NBC 4 Today Special Edition: aired Monday – Friday, February 12 – 16 from 4:30-5:00 a.m.

NBC 4 Winter Storm Updates aired Tuesday, February 13 from 7:30-7:33 a.m.; 8:00-8:03 a.m.; 8:30-8:37 a.m.; 9:00-9:07 a.m.; 9:30-9:36 a.m.; 10:30-10:32 a.m.; 11:00-11:03 a.m.; 11:31-11:32 a.m.; 2:00-2:02 p.m.; 2:33-2:36 p.m.; 3:00-3:08 p.m.; 4:00-4:02 p.m.; 4:31-4:34 p.m.; 7:00-7:02 p.m.; 7:29-7:30 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Gov. Strickland Press Conference regarding Winter Storm aired Tuesday, February 13 from 3:13-3:28 p.m.

NBC 4: Winter Storm Updates aired Wednesday, February 14 from 7:30-7:31 a.m.; 8:00-8:03 a.m.; 8:30-8:32 a.m.; 9:00-9:02 a.m.; 9:30-9:34 a.m.; 10:30-10:31 a.m.; 11:00-11:02 a.m.; 11:31-11:32 a.m.

XII. CULTURAL ARTS

NBC 4 at 6, January 8, 2007. Boat and RV Show. The warm break from winter had many people thinking summer this weekend. The Boat and RV show opened at the Ohio Expo Center this weekend with dozens of dealers showing the newest boats and campers. The show runs through this weekend.

NBC 4 at Midday, January 12, 2007. Entertainment Plasma. There's lots to do this weekend in Central Ohio. Let's think spring with the Columbus Boat and RV show at the Ohio Expo Center. If guitars are your thing, check out the 2007 Winter Guitar Show at the Aladdin Shrine Temple. It's touted as the biggest guitar show in the Midwest. If you're looking for a little more action, head to the Columbus Convention Center for the 2007 USA Fencing North American Cup. See the best of the best complete in fencing competitions. Admission is free. For some family fun at the Buckeye Quarter Midget Racing, this features indoor quarter midget racing for kids 5 to 16 years of age. This is at the Ohio Expo Center in the O'Neill Building. It's free. If you're a golfer you don't want to miss the North Coast Golf Show at Vets Memorial. Admission is \$8 for adults. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, January 18, 2007. Scrubs Musical. NBC's "Scrubs" is singing to a different tune tonight. Get ready for the Grubs: My Musical" The docs at Sacred Heart Hospital take the stage and only this cast could pull off a song called "Everything comes down to Poo." Cast members say they expected something like this. :28 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, February 2, 2007. Disney on Ice. If you are anywhere near Nationwide Arena this weekend, you might think you're in downtown Monstropolis. The characters from Monster Inc skate into Nationwide for 7 great performances. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 6, February 27, 2007. Nationwide Tour Coming. It's not the Memorial, but another Major Pro Golf Tournament coming to Columbus. Ohio State and Nationwide Insurance will announce plans tomorrow for a Nationwide Tour Golf event. The Nationwide tour is the Junior Circuit to the PGA Tour, to be played at the Jack Nicklaus refurbished OSU Scarlet Course. A natural fit for the Nationwide Tour with the company's home base in Columbus. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 2, 2007. Arnold Sports Festival. More than 1700 athletes are expected to take over Columbus this weekend for the Arnold Sports Festival. The event draws has 39 events, 14 Olympic Sports and more than 650 trade show booths. It's the largest sports and fitness weekend and starts today at the Convention Center, Vets Memorial and Nationwide Arena. :23 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, March 9, 2007. Peter Mayer Interview. H's an awarding winning musician, a songwriter, vocalist and guitarist, perhaps best known as lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffet. But he's got a sound all his own and tonight he's performing for us here in Columbus. :50 in length

Public Service Announcements

Working 4 You Community Calendar

:30 in length

Aired February 5-March 31

4 Our Community Calendar

:30 in length

Aired January 1-February 4

Broadway Across America/All Shook Up

:15 in length

Aired January 10-February 12

Broadway Across America/Light in the Piazza

:15 in length

Aired February 21-March 18

Columbus Arts Festival Volunteer Solicitation

:10 in length

Aired March 17-28

Business Arts Partnership Awards Luncheon

:15 in length

Aired March 22-28

Business Arts Partnership Awards Luncheon
:30 in length
Aired March 25-27